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“C’était la guerre!” That was the greeting offered by more than one weary vigneron as we stepped into their cellars when we visited the region in October. Burgundy has always been one of the world’s most challenging wine regions to farm, but 2024 tested even the most experienced growers to their limits. Whilst the Côte d’Or in autumn strikes a breathtaking beauty, the golden leaved vineyards shimmering in the late autumn sunshine as we arrived, the stories behind the wines this year were marked by relentless rain, mildew pressure, depleted yields and sheer hard work.

And yet, as is so often the case in Burgundy, adversity has delivered something rather wonderful. Every domaine we visited described the year as “très compliqué”. Organic growers in particular faced significant difficulties, with some losing huge proportions of their crop depending on when, and how often, they were able to treat. There were no weekends off – mildew doesn’t wait for Monday! The thin skinned Pinot Noir suffered most, especially in the Côte de Nuits where several growers lost 60-80% of their fruit. Across the region, 2024 demanded vigilance, precision and no small measure of resilience.

We are often asked to compare a new vintage with past years, but 2024 defies easy reference. Stylistically one has to look back several decades, as far as the 1970’s, to find something with a similar combination of cool season fruit and restrained alcohols. Yet this comparison is only half the story. Fifty years of viticultural progress have endowed the wines with a finesse and purity their historical peers could never achieve. As Olivier Lamy observed, it was the most difficult vintage of the last 30 years. The Saint Aubin vineyards are steep, so treating the vines every two days was exhausting, yet the resulting wines possess an energy and definition that showcase the modern Burgundy craftsmanship.

And that is the great surprise of 2024 – the wines are beautiful! Elegantly framed, terroir transparent, classical in their structure and charm, with white wines of striking precision and reds exhibiting a luminous purity. This vintage is already being underestimated, just as 2014 was, and that would be a big mistake. 2024 is a vintage for Burgundy lovers, one that will give enormous pleasure young while retaining the materials for graceful ageing.

As always, our long standing relationships across the region helped us secure allocations of small but superb parcels from producers who know us well. It was a real pleasure to taste these wines after such a demanding growing season, and we are delighted to offer them to you.

All the wines in this offer are available to purchase on-line www.houseoftownend.com.

Please do ring us on 01482 638888 if you would like to discuss the wines on this offer.



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NEIL GOLDIE



2024

THE GROWING SEASON

Asked by Neal Martin to select a song that best defined the 2024 vintage, Etienne Chaix of Domaine Joseph Voillot offered a choice that encapsulated the essence of the vintage with remarkable accuracy – ‘Here Comes the Rain Again’ by the Eurythmics, he mused! Rain was the theme of the year. Persistent, unyielding and at times overwhelming.

Winter gave way to a wet and cold spring. Frost threatened first, then the rains arrived and seemed reluctant to leave. Flowering took place under warm but wet and windy conditions, setting the stage for the key challenge of the vintage – poor fruit set and dramatically reduced yields, especially for the Pinot Noir. Coulure was widespread, mildew pressure was constant and the soil remained so saturated that even getting tractors into the vines to spray became a logistical battle.

From April to July rain fell with maddening regularity. In typical years mildew attacks the leaves first, in 2024 it lunged straight for the grapes. Some domaines, particularly in the north of the Côte de Nuits, watched as their potential harvest shrank to a fraction of normal levels.

August finally brought a reprieve with drying northerly winds, moderate temperatures and, at last, weeks of sunshine. The improved weather arrived too late to recover yields but it was a salvation for quality. The vines dried, disease waned and slow, measured ripening resumed.

A crucial viticultural decision in 2024 was effeuillage – strategic leaf removal. Growers needed to open the canopy to encourage airflow and prevent mildew.

Two weeks before harvest the weather settled beautifully. The grapes were picked in clean, healthy condition, without botrytis, and with restrained sugars and good phenolic maturity. After months of struggle the vigneronns could finally smile again, if only briefly.

The Côte Chalonnaise mirrored the general themes of the year, irregular flowering, significant mildew challenges and the need for meticulous canopy management. Success varied from commune to commune but those who navigated the conditions well produced wines of excellent clarity and tension.

The Mâconnais suffered the same wet, warm flowering window and chronic mildew pressure, although the region experienced fewer violent storms. Despite the difficulties, yields for Chardonnay were respectable, averaging around 50 hl/ha at Château Fuissé. Sugars were lower than in 2023 and roughly a degree below 2022, giving final alcohols in the wonderfully classic range of 11.5–12.4%. Patience was key and the savvy growers waited late into the season to achieve full phenolic ripeness.

2024 - THE WINES

Despite the trials of the year, or perhaps because of them, the wines produced in 2024 possess a beautiful, classical profile marked by purity, definition and refreshingly modest alcohol levels. Above all, what thrilled us most was the clarity of terroir expression, the differences between appellations shining vividly in both red and white categories.

CÔTE D'OR WHITES

The white wines of 2024 are a triumph.

This is not a vintage of power that was demonstrated in 2022 nor of lush ripeness as in 2023. Instead, 2024 offers precision, linearity and tension, underpinned by mouthwatering, saline acidity. The top wines of Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault display a delicate honeysuckle perfume, whilst the palates are laden with white stone fruits, citrus pith and a salivant, quenching finish.

This is classic Chardonnay. Vibrant, energetic, beautifully balanced and already showing a degree of elegance reminiscent of both 2021 and 2014, though with greater poise and refinement than the latter. These are wines of real charm and finesse and the white wines of 2024 should not be missed.

CÔTE D'OR REDS

After such a difficult season for Pinot Noir, the purity and charm of the reds came as an extremely pleasant surprise.

This is a vintage for lovers of classic cool climate Pinot Noir, fragrant rose petal perfume, crunchy red fruits, sappy freshness and finely woven tannins. The wines do not have the weight or opulence of 2022 or 2023, but they do offer something arguably more compelling – clarity, brightness and terroir transparency.

At Domaine Grivot, a typical vintage yields around 200 barrels; in 2024 they made only 84. Yet the wines possess a luminous precision and are continuing to evolve beautifully in barrel. The red wines produced in 2024 are sophisticated rather than showy, stylish rather than flamboyant, with complexity emerging through purity rather than power.

2024 is a classic vintage, where you can see the real difference between the appellations and will give a great deal of pleasure, especially when young. Not all of us can wait 20 years, either through lack of patience or indeed time on the clock!

MÂCONNAIS

Analytically, 2024 bears similarities to 2021, though with more rain and far greater challenges for the growers. The wines, however, are delicious, defined, bright and expressive with a spiky freshness and notes of fennel, anise and saline chalk. The minerality is racy and vivid, making the wines wonderfully drinkable yet clearly age worthy.

As Olivier Merlin noted, it is a heterogeneous vintage – normal volumes in whites, very low yields in reds – but the quality amongst the best domaines is excellent.

2024 was a battle, one of the most challenging years in recent memory. But through that struggle, Burgundy has produced wines of beauty, finesse and classical purity, offering pleasure in youth and the promise of graceful evolution. It is a vintage that will appeal to true Burgundy lovers – understated, detailed, terroir driven and wonderfully fresh.

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BUYING PROCESS

The process of purchasing wine under bond can seem a little daunting if you have never done it before, but it is actually quite simple.

One of the main benefits of buying wine under bond is that it allows you to split the cost of the purchase. As wine is a product that is subject to Excise Duty and VAT in the UK, a significant proportion of the cost to the consumer of buying wine is actually tax. Buying wine under bond allows the consumer to purchase the wine and then pay the tax that is due on the wine at a later date – when it is removed from bonded storage.

There is the initial payment to purchase the wine from the wine merchant, and at that point the wine becomes yours. Most merchants will offer you the facility to store your wine under bond with them for a charge. In our case we have climate controlled storage facilities for which the charge is 15 pence per case per week (£9.36 per year), for which you will receive an annual invoice. When the time comes that you wish to remove your purchase from bond, the Duty and VAT on the wine becomes due to the Government – this payment is made to the Government by the wine merchant on your behalf and then you will be invoiced for the amount. The Duty and VAT will be invoiced at the prevailing rate when the wine is taken out of bond. By placing an order you acknowledge your responsibility for these costs.

You can then either collect your wine from our Cellar Door or we can organise delivery on your behalf. We will advise you of the cost of delivery at the time.

We have decided to include a worked example which might make things clearer if you have never bought under bond before. Please note that the tax costs are based on the current rates of Duty and VAT and these are liable to change.

Example

You purchase a case of 6 bottles at 12.5% ABV for £120.00.

When the wine arrives in the UK and you wish to remove it from bond, the following process is completed in order for this to happen. Charges will apply.

- Payment of VAT on initial purchase - £24.00
- Duty payment including VAT at the current rate - £17.22
- Total Duty and VAT - £41.22

Therefore bringing the total cost of your case of wine to £161.22 or £26.87 a bottle.

You can then collect your wine from our Cellar Door, or we can arrange delivery (at your cost) to an address in the UK.

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THE DOMAINES

Burgundy is our passion and the wines that we have selected for this offer are sourced from domaines and producers who are at the very pinnacle of Burgundian winemaking. Most are long standing multi-generational producers where knowledge and understanding of the vineyards they work, are passed down from Mother and Father to son and daughter. We are proud to work with such skilled artisans.

CHABLIS

Domaine Testut
Domaine Daniel Dampit
Domaine des Marronniers
Samuel Billaud

MÂCONNAIS

Domaine Merlin
Domaine Luquet Depuis 1878
Château Fuissé

CHALONNAISE

Cave de Buxy
Château de Chamilly

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Domaine Hubert Lamy
Domaine Prunier-Bonheur
Domaine Bachelet-Monnot
Domaine Etienne Sauzet
Domaine Jacques Carillon
Domaine Michelot
Domaine Camus- Bruchon et Fils
Domaine Lafarge
Domaine Joseph Voillot
Domaine Guy Amiot et Fils
Domaine Tollot-Beaut

CÔTE DE NUITS

Domaine Sérafin
Domaine Machard de Gramont
Domaine Jean Grivot



Alban Machard de Gramont



Xavier Desfontaine



Guillaume Camus



Étienne Grivot



Olivier Lamy



Étienne Chaix



Jacques Carillon



Olivier Merlin



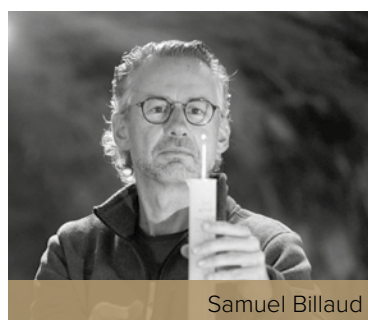
Frédéric Lafarge



Cyril Testut



Nicolas Mestre



Samuel Billaud

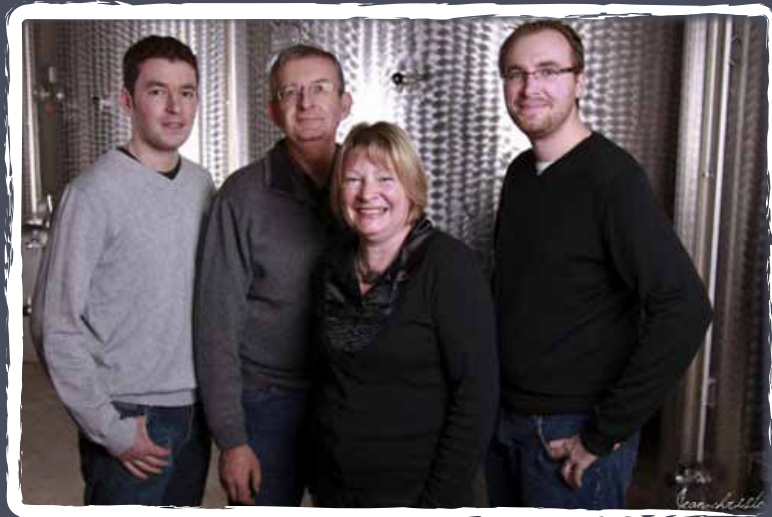


Frédérique Goulley

CHABLIS

Chablis stands as the ultimate benchmark for cool climate, steely and elegant white wines, retaining a unique freshness and bracing tightness. This character is due entirely to the cooler temperatures in this Northern Burgundy outpost. Chablis lies some 160km north of Beaune in the Auxerre département and its more than 4000 hectares are planted almost entirely with the white Chardonnay grape.

The soils are Kimmeridgian limestone, rich in fossilised seashells which retain heat and drain well, along with pockets of the lesser-quality Portlandian limestone. Many believe these soils give Chablis its hallmark salinity and freshness which, in combination with the vineyard aspects, are crucial to successful ripening. We buy from a number of small, family-owned vigneronns who are amongst the finest in the region.



The Dampt Family

Chablis, Domaine Daniel Dampit (12x75cl)

£139.00 per case IB

Produced from two parcels. 80% of the blend is from a plot of 60 year old vines situated just below the 1er Cru Les Lys, in Milly, a stone's throw south of the village of Chablis, with the remaining 20% produced in Beines and Fonteney. In years gone by this wine was sold under the now defunct 1er Cru La Vieille Voye. The nose is fresh and bright, showing classic Chablis character with notes of citrus, apple and oyster shell. The palate is generous and rich, underpinned by lively acidity, wonderful tension and a slate driven minerality. The wine finishes clean and persistent, reflecting its elegant Chablis style.



Drink 2026+

Chablis, Domaine des Marronniers (12x75cl)

£145.00 per case IB

Produced from 10 different parcels from vines of between 25-30 years old, this is a very classic style of Chablis. The 11 hectares of vines are spread around the village of Prehy and centered on the sub region of Courgis, where the chalk soil gives the wines an intense minerality.

This wine is fermented wholly in steel tanks and aged for 12 months, partly on the lees. Pale straw in colour, the nose is crisp and citrusy with a wet stone minerality and subtle white flowers. The palate is taut and focused with lemon zest, green apples and salty undertones with a lively acidity and steely finish.



Drink 2026+

Chablis Vieilles Vignes, 'Côte de Brechain', Domaine Testut (6x75cl)

£82.50 per case IB

Produced from vines nestled in a cleft between the Grand Cru of Blanchot and the 1er Cru of Montée de Tonnerre where the deep and highly mineral soils are packed with chalk and Kimmeridge and the vines are nearing 50 years old, this is without doubt one of the finest Chablis produced.

A very floral aromatic profile of white flowers and delicate vegetal notes. The palate is precise and elegant, with flinty minerality, vibrant freshness and taut tension. Whilst not a rich vintage, it offers beautiful traditional complexity, classic steely character and a refined, persistent finish.



Drink 2026+

Chablis Samuel Billaud (6x75cl)

£120.00 per case IB

Samuel Billaud is now one of the true superstars of Chablis, producing wines of precision that rightly demand their place in any great cellar. His Chablis is mainly produced from two parcels of old vines, each with differing exposures. Les Pargues, near the village of Préhy and boarding premier cru Vaillons, brings fruit and freshness to the blend, whilst Bas des Chapelots, just below the premier cru of Montée de Tonnerre, contributes greater depth, concentration and minerality.

Hand-picked and fermented in stainless steel tanks at a low temperature, this wine is classically mineral driven in character with notes of lemon zest and a touch of crushed stone. Bright and zingy on that palate, it has a fresh acidity, generous texture and lovely tension, all balanced by impressive concentration and length.



Drink 2027+



CHABLIS

1ER CRU

The vineyards of Chablis Premier Cru have expanded to around 85 hectares in recent years, spread across almost 40 climats, with the best Premier Cru sites planted on the more acidic Kimmeridgian limestone, pockets of which are scattered across the many hills surrounding the town. Like the Grands Crus, the finest vineyards such as Montée du Tonnerre, Montmains, Vaillons and Côte de Léchet rest on superior terroir, with better aspect and positioning. As with everything else in Burgundy, the producer is key - the top growers limit yields, manage their vineyards to express the Chardonnay grape to perfection and strive to make unique and age-worthy wines.



Cyril Testut

Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons, Domaine Daniel Dampt (12x75cl)

£215.00 per case IB

Produced from three sub-climats, 50% Les Leys (north-facing), 25% Séchet and 25% Chatains, this is a real standout. The bouquet is aromatic and expressive, dominated by citrus notes with hints of peach. On the palate the wine is rich and concentrated, reflecting the small production. Vibrant and elegant, it shows a lovely racy texture and carries through to a long, energetic finish.



Drink 2026+

Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet, Domaine Daniel Dampt (12x75cl)

£215.00 per case IB

This steep, south, south-east facing vineyard looking over the village of Milly and just above Dampt's home, is set on a stony clay subsoil and enjoys a great aspect. The fruit normally shows a great degree of ripeness and generosity. There is always a lot of millerandage (small grapes) in this vineyard which produces great concentration and aids long ageing.

A riper nose with a mixture of both citrus and exotic fruits complemented by white peach aromas and the classic notes of oyster shell. There is a lovely underlying tension and concentration on the palate and of course the rich opulence associated with the right bank, but also the minerality of the left. A piercing lime acidity and a long, succulent fruit filled finish with a lovely mineral streak throughout. Always one of the most popular Chablis in our range.



Drink 2027+

Chablis 1er Cru Montmains, Domaine des Marronniers (12x75cl)

£248.00 per case IB

The low hills to the south-west of sleepy Chablis hold some of the best terroir in the region and this is where you can find the 1er cru vineyards of Montmains, whose serried rows of Chardonnay face almost due south-south-east.

Aged on fine lees for twelve months. The nose opens with fresh citrus blossom, lemon zest and wild flowers underpinned by a thread of wet stone minerality. The palate is taut, intense and vibrant, full of green apple flavours and grapefruit quench, with a wonderful streak of minerality on the finish. The essence of this wine is purity and minerality.



Drink 2027+

Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine Testut (6x75cl)

£147.50 per case IB

This prestigious premier Cru, located on the right bank of the Serein River, is south-west facing and not far from the Grand Crus. The vines of this 1 hectare vineyard plot are over 60 years old. Hand harvested, fermented purely in tank and then aged in tank for a further 16 months.

The nose is complex and expressive with green apple, citrus and white flower aromas. On the palate, the wine is bright and energetic with fresh acidity and tension balanced by flinty, wet stone minerality whilst still giving ripe, concentrated fruit. Elegant and layered, it finishes long and harmonious, a fine expression of this exceptional vineyard.



Drink 2027+



Chablis 1er Cru Montmains, Samuel Billaud (6x75cl)

£255.00 per case IB

Produced from 35 year old vines planted on the deep clay soils of this popular premier cru, situated to the south-west of the village of Chablis, this is consistently one of the more fruit forward wines in the Billaud range. A severe hailstorm on 1st May reduced the crop by 80% and the small volume meant that the wine was fermented in oak barrels rather than the usual large stainless steel vats.

The clay soils lend richness and generosity with vibrant fruit and natural concentration from the low yield, complemented by just a hint of oak. The nose is bright and refined with herbal citrus, crushed stone, delicate florals and hints of peach. The palate is precise and vibrant, combining pure citrus fruit with a mouthwatering core and subtle creaminess lifted by high, zesty acidity and a long, energetic finish.



Drink 2028+

Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons Vieilles Vignes, Samuel Billaud (6x75cl)

£275.00 per case IB

Vaillons is one of the finest and most popular Premiers Crus on the left bank of the River Serein, with a south-easterly exposure on a single, central plot that captures all the morning sun. Samuel ferments and ages this fine premier cru exclusively in 100% stainless steel vats to preserve the purity of the fruit. All the vines are 60+ years old.

This is the freshest and most elegant of the premiers crus with pure, ripe citrus and a racy texture. Intense and powerful, yet balanced by high acidity, it delivers impressive concentration and density leading to a long, vibrant finish. Youthful and energetic, it shows real power and persistence, promising even greater harmony with time.



Drink 2028+

Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre Vieilles Vignes, Samuel Billaud (6x75cl)

£295.00 per case IB

Samuel owns two parcels at different altitudes in this magnificent premier cru which lies adjacent to Grand Cru Blanchots. Chapelots is lower down and ripens earlier giving a rich, broad textured wine whilst Triangle, higher up, adds vitality and minerality.

Vinified in 80% in stainless steel and 20% in 500 litre oak barrels, this wine is wonderfully open and aromatic. The palate is creamy and textured with lees driven weight balanced by bright, zingy acidity and mineral citrus notes. Ripe stone fruits, peach and pear combine with a precise acidity delivering superb balance, intensity and elegance with a long, structured finish and excellent aging potential.



Drink 2029+

Chablis 1er Cru Séchet Vieilles Vignes, Samuel Billaud (6x75cl)

£295.00 per case IB

This Premier Cru comes under the wider Vaillons appellation and is considered the finest part of Vaillons. It is situated on the left bank of the River Serein. Samuel has a plot 90 year old vines planted by his great-grandfather on 161-49 rootstock.

Usually vinified in stainless steel, in 2024, because of the small crop following hail on 1st May, it was fermented and aged in three glass wine globes and a couple of 500 litre oak casks.

Fragrant and refined with stone fruit, citrus, floral notes and a hint of honeysuckle. The palate is vibrant and laser focused combining bright, lemony fruit with mineral drive and fresh, mouth-watering acidity. Intense and powerful yet beautifully balanced it delivers excellent concentration, rich honeyed fruit and a long, precise, persistent finish.



Drink 2028+

CHABLIS

GRAND CRU

Around the sleepy town of Chablis on the northern side of the River Serein lie the 7 Grand Cru vineyards, all 100 hectares of neat vines facing south-west and south-east. These steep hills, 150-250m above sea level, have distinct mesoclimates with a perfect combination of aspect, soil, protection from the prevailing west winds and proximity to the faint warmth offered by both town and river. Frost and hail are frequent dangers, especially for a northern region such as this. It is here that the finest Chablis are produced.



Samuel Billaud

Chablis Grand Cru Bougros, Samuel Billaud (6x75cl)

£575.00 per case IB

Situated on the western central edge of the Grand Cru hill, looking south and west to the sleepy town of Chablis, Billaud makes very small quantities of this steely, forceful wine. Hand-picked, 75% is fermented in stainless steel and 25% in oak.

Crisp and mineral with superb concentration, Samuel's 2024 Bougros shows bold citrus, peach and pear underpinned by the signature acidity, saline and flinty notes. A touch of spice along with hints of ginger and gunsmoke adds complexity whilst a tightly packed core of tropical fruit brings richness, weight and intensity. The palate is smooth and rounded with a vibrant acidity and a persistent mineral backbone that carries through a long, precise and lively finish, promising excellent aging potential.



Drink 2029+

MÂCONNAIS

This large southern appellation of Burgundy, comprising around 17000 acres, bridges the 30km gap between the Côte Chalonnaise in the North and Beaujolais in the south. A warmer region, this is where northern France starts to turn Mediterranean.

The regions countryside is mainly agricultural with grain, orchards and cattle farming sitting alongside separate blocks of vineyards. The rolling hills and valleys are more similar to the Cotswolds or Berkshire and there are the continual hazards of spring frosts, slightly lessened by the naturally warmer temperatures which give a softer mouthfeel to the whites and a riper, sweeter fruit to the reds. The soil is split into 2 types: limestone, planted mainly with the white Chardonnay with a little Aligoté and clay/sand, planted with Pinot Noir and Gamay.

Comprising over 70 communes, this is an area which has risen in quality in recent years. Half of these 70 communes such as Mâcon Lugny, Mâcon la Roche Vineuse and Mâcon Chardonnay are allowed to add their own village name. This is a sign of better quality and, more importantly, shows how the cooperative system excels by raising the standards of wine generally and demonstrating how good this region is at making savoury, well made and affordable Burgundy. The Caves Coopératives at both Buxy and Lugny are perhaps the result of the dominance of mixed farming, but it really works as a system.

SAINT-VÉРАН

Saint-Véran is a scattered appellation, with most vineyards of the AOC in the warm south of the Mâconnais, but the finest wines are produced in the north-east around the Pouilly and Prissé areas.

MÂCONNAIS

Mâcon-Azé, Jules Richard, Cave de Buxy (6x75cl)

£45.00 per case IB

This village is situated north of Mâcon, near Viré, where southeast exposure and planting at a higher altitude benefits the vines.

Fermented and aged in 100% steel tanks at a controlled low temperature, this is an absolute cracker of a wine offering unrivalled value for money.

There is a lovely white flower freshness on the bouquet with a reinforcing ripe fruitiness. The palate is ripe and filled with Gala apple freshness and the zippy acidity quenches the long and satisfying finish.



Drink 2026+

Mâcon La Roche Vineuse, Domaine Merlin (6x75cl)

£60.00 per case IB

Harvested by hand at the very start of September, the grapes were carefully sorted and gently pressed before fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The wine spent several months on large lees, a technique Theo favours to limit oxidative effects, resulting in a Chardonnay with concentration, balance and a seamless elegance.

Theo has crafted a 100% tank fermented Chardonnay of remarkable precision. Produced from a number of plots of older vines around the village, it shows an expressive nose that leads into a ripe, fruit driven palate. Notes of Golden Delicious apple, quince and wet stone are lifted by zesty acidity whilst subtle hints of melon add depth and richness.



Drink 2026+

Mâcon La Roche Vineuse Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Merlin (6x75cl)

£85.00 per case IB

This is Merlin's flagship wine, produced from 3 hectares of vineyards split into four separate parcels planted in 1922, 1932, 1949 and 1951.

100% Barrel fermented in a mix of 10% new oak and 90% old, with the used barrels ranging in age from 1 to 8 years. The average age of the vines is 65 years, so the concentration is always increased.

Aromatic with toasty brioche, this wine is rich, buttery and packed with vibrant fruit. The palate evokes the elegance of the Côte d'Or, leaning toward Chassagne in style, with flavours of ripe buttered Fuji apple, cream, honey, citrus and subtle cereal notes. The finish is generous, rounded and layered, closing with a delicate nutty nuance.



Drink 2026+

SAINT-VÉРАН

Saint-Véran 'Vers les Monts', Domaine Luquet Depuis 1878 (12x75cl) £118.00 per case IB

A wine of great precision and yet open and forward in style, Patrick Luquet picks from 2 plots totalling around 1.5 hectares in the villages of Chasselas and Solutré-Pouilly on soils of red clay. The Chardonnay grapes are pressed, then fermented in stainless steel tanks before ageing on fine lees.

The bouquet is fresh and lively, with pear and green apple complemented by a touch of citrus and subtle exotic spice. On the palate, it is clean, crisp and precise with steely minerality and wet stone notes. This wine has lovely depth and a richer mouthfeel balanced by zesty acidity and fresh minerality. An appellation that is gaining greater attention and one that shows there are still bargains to be had in Burgundy!

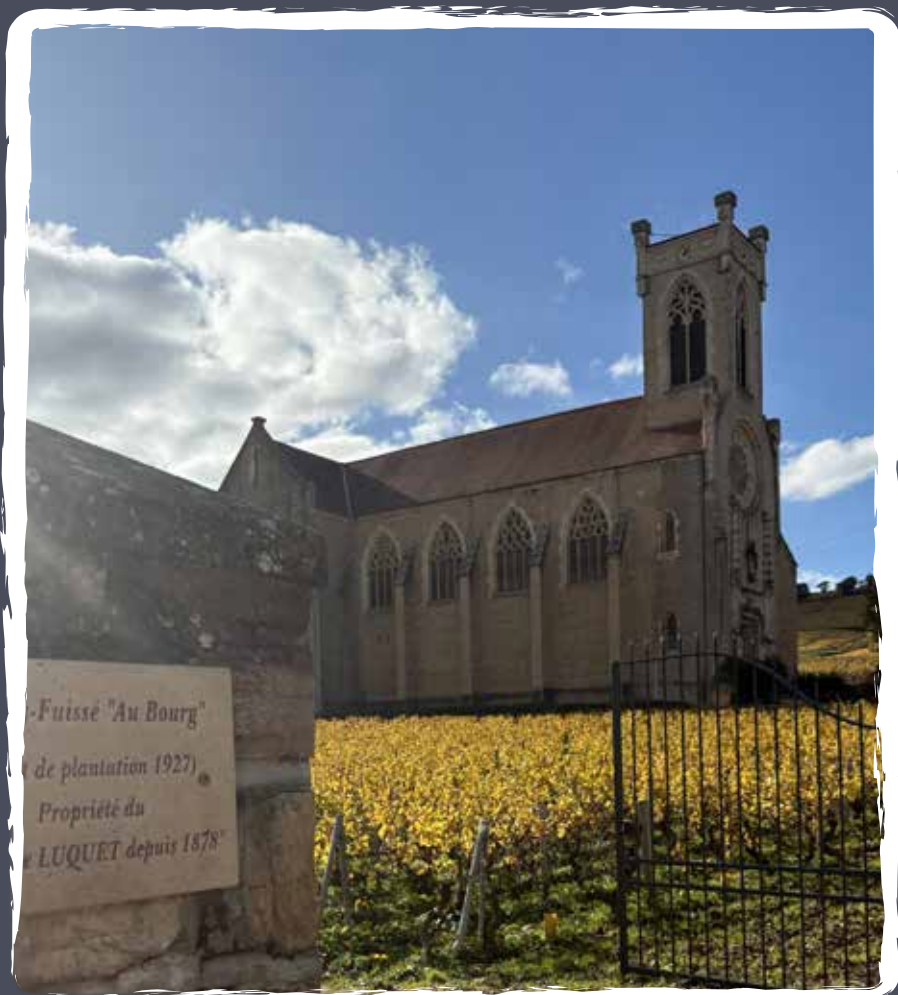


Drink 2026+

POUILLY-FUISSÉ

One of the greatest white wine appellations in France, Pouilly-Fuissé comprises five sleepy little hamlets. The finest wines, produced from the ideally sited slopes around the village of Fuissé, tend to be fatter and more honeyed with an almost Meursault-like character, a fact now recognised with the awarding of Premier Cru status to a handful of top vineyards. The soils here are Jurassic limestone similar to that found on the Côte d'Or, producing dry white wines with elegance and richness balanced by razor sharp acidity and honeyed depth.

In 2020 the appellation received official recognition for 22 Premier Cru climats.



Pouilly-Fuissé 'Au Bourg', Domaine Luquet Depuis 1878 (12x75cl)

£190.00 per case IB

Produced from vines that average nearly 60 years old, situated in the Clos just in front of the church in the centre of the village of Fuissé. The church protects the vines from the westerly winds which makes this the warmest parcel of Fuissé. This vineyard was initially planted back in 1927 by the Great Grandfather of the current generation, Maurice Luquet.

100% steel tank fermented following which the wine is held in tank on fine lees for 7 months.

The nose is immediate with lemon drizzle, dessert apple and a fresh, steely character. The palate is rich and balanced with delicate floral notes and layers of apple purée, citrus and saline minerality, supported by a slightly softer acidity than wines from the Côte d'Or. Long, precise and complex, this is a tightly structured, citrus laden white Burgundy with impressive finesse.



Drink 2026+

Pouilly-Fuissé, Domaine Merlin (6x75cl)

£120.00 per case IB

A wine that is produced from several plots of 50-60 year old vines situated around the villages of Vergisson, Fuissé and Chaintre, each plot on a different soil and showing the complex steeliness and flesh of the region. The wine sees 1 year in barrel, of which 10% is new. The higher elevation of Vergisson adds a lovely freshness and steely acidity that balances the ripe apple and creamy fruit from Fuissé. Minerality and salinity are the core features of this wine with a delicious underlying fruit ripeness providing weight and flavour.



Drink 2026+

Pouilly-Fuissé 'Tête de Cuvée', Château Fuissé (6x75cl)

£126.00 per case IB

The grapes come from over 100 plots across the five subregions of Pouilly, taking advantage of the slate and sandy soils of Fuissé blended with the heavier clay and marl soils of Vergisson to create a wonderfully complex and polished style of Pouilly-Fuissé. The wine is produced from 40 different cuvées with 60% matured in oak barrels, of which 20% is in new oak

The 2024 shows a citric driven style, combining lovely ripeness with precise balance. Aromas of baked dessert apple, honey and subtle vanilla are complemented by refreshing acidity. The palate is lively with ripe apple and stone fruit, hints of honeysuckle and floral elegance and a mineral driven salinity. The acidity carries through, balancing the richness and leading to a long, vibrant and elegant finish.



Drink 2026+

Pouilly-Fuissé 1er Cru Le Clos Monopole, Chateau Fuissé (6x75cl)

£260.00 per case IB

A monopole of just 2.7 hectares, this vineyard forms an amphitheatre around the Château and is divided into three distinct soil types—clay at the bottom, marl in the middle and fragmented limestone at the top. The vines, planted in 1929, 1963, 1968 and 1985, benefit from a warm aspect, free draining soils and a rare underground water source, all of which were beneficial in 2024.

Aged in 95% new oak, the nose is rich and exotic with opulent notes of honeysuckle, Granny Smith apple and almonds. This is a big, powerful wine with intense acidity and vibrant freshness providing focus and a cleansing lift that cuts through the decadent fruit and oak. Flavours of toasty apple and energetic, lively fruit carry through to a long, elegant finish.



Drink 2026+

CHALONNAISE

The climate of this mid to southern region is less sheltered and more affected by prevailing westerly winds on the typically higher situated vineyards. Around 200-350m above sea level is the norm, whereas the finest Côte d'Or vineyards are sited at around 180-240m, with low undulating hills and less fertile, more stony soil giving leaner wines, whose vines struggle to get the required warmth and sunlight to fully ripen. This is where, perhaps, a degree of appreciation for global warming may come into its own.

Vineyard site is crucial here, as is dominance of heat retaining, well-draining limestone soils. The Chalonaise is part of the continuous fault line that forms the ridge that runs like a spine down the whole Côte d'Or, wedged between the Saone, where soils washed and scraped by centuries of time have deposited in thick layers on the valley floor, and the thinner, scraped Jurassic limestone and Permian soils of the Horst de Mont Saint Vincent and Blanzly Rift.

Standout villages such as Montagny, Bouzeron (only for the white Aligoté), Mercurey, Givry and Rully are where the quality lies in the Chalonaise, with the finest wines produced from the all white appellation of Montagny to the south, where Chardonnay rules supreme. The vineyards are planted on stony soils where heat and drainage give a more bracing, richer style, more akin to a Chassagne in a lighter year.



Château de Chamilly

Bourgogne Aligoté, Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)

£60.00 per case IB

Managed by brothers Xavier and Arnaud Desfontaine, this first class estate converted to organic viticulture in 2020. The Aligoté is produced from older vines planted in Chamilly and Buxy, with the dense blue clay soils of Chamilly providing a precise, quenching acidity and minerality.

Fermented in stainless steel and aged for eight months on fine lees, the wine is rich and stony with a zingy, citrus driven palate. Flavours of white peach, dessert apple and lime are enhanced by a fine, savoury note whilst the nettle-like freshness and steely, linear finish balance the ripe fruit and minerality beautifully.



Drink 2026+

Montagny 'Les Reculerons' Château de Chamilly (6x75cl)

£82.00 per case IB

From a small 2.1 hectare plot of 50 year old vines, which is sadly no longer under the control of the Desfontaine brothers, this is the final vintage of this impressive wine. The thin, chalky soils produce lower yields, giving the 2024 wine remarkable minerality, tension and focus.

Hand-picked in small baskets and fermented in stainless steel, the wine is aged on fine lees for six months before bottling, with no oak influence. Crisp, steely and precise, the palate shows notes of pear, lemon and apple complemented by a subtle creaminess from lees ageing all balanced by a vibrant acidity and an energetic, mineral driven finish.



Drink 2027+



CÔTE DE NUITS

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

Nuits-Saint-Georges is at the heart of the Côte de Nuits, midway between Dijon and Beaune. Its vines climb the low, undulating slopes toward the west, away from the road as you head north. The soils here are mixed with thicker clay soils, more marl, more ironstone and less broken limestone. Most vines are planted on the flatter, more alluvial soils where richer soils produces wines with more fruit and less concentration. This is the source of the wines favoured by the négociants.

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE

Sandwiched between Corton and the town of Beaune, lies the pretty agricultural village of Savigny. Poised on fairly exposed flat land, north-east of Beaune and encompassing around 500 hectares, of which 140 hectares are Premier Cru, situated on the north and southern side of the little river Rhoin, where oolitic limestone, marl and iron-rich soils dominate. Whilst Pinot Noir dominates the commune, whites make up just 10% of plantings, primarily located on the cooler northern slopes, including some Premier Cru parcels, where the mineralrich soils lend brightness, precision, and subtle elegance. Aromas of white flowers, citrus, and orchard fruits lead to a crisp, lingering finish, reflecting the understated charm and finesse of Savigny-lès-Beaune whites.

CÔTEAUX BOURGUIGNONS

In 2011 the now defunct appellations of Bourgogne Ordinaire and Bourgogne Grand Ordinaire were replaced by the newer appellation of Coteaux Bourguignons, a regional level appellation covering the entire Burgundy region, from Auxerre in the north near Chablis, down to the Beaujolais. The white wines, which account for around 25% of production, are produced mainly from Chardonnay and Aligoté, with some Pinot Blanc. The advantage of this relatively new appellation is that it gives the growers a greater amount of freedom to innovate and provides the consumer with some terrific value for money.

Bourgogne Aligoté, 'Le Chapitre', Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl) £58.00 per case IB

Only a very small amount of this wine is produced and after much cajoling, we have managed to secure a parcel!

Made from 60 year old vines on a 0.25 hectare plot, this is an intriguing wine from a declassified Marsannay vineyard. It is aged in 50% new oak, though you would never guess it, delivering a deliciously crisp, quenching style with citrus fruits and the characteristic Aligoté tang. The finish is long, seamless and utterly satisfying.



Drink 2026+

Nuits-Saint-Georges Blanc 'Creux Fraiche Eau' Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)

£165.00 per case IB

A small lieu-dit of 0.5 hectares situated between Vosne-Romanée and Nuits-Saint-Georges, situated in the northern part of the Nuits-Saint-Georges appellation. Situated high on the upper slopes with a south-west facing exposure and limestone rich soils, it benefits from excellent sun and drainage.

Aged for 10 months in 50% new oak and 50% one year old barrels, this wine has a taut, steely palate with layers of exotic fruit. Vibrant acidity and stony minerality balance the ripe fruit and delicate floral notes, finishing with a subtle citrus tang. Rare and absolutely delicious.



Drink 2026+

Savigny-Lès-Beaune 1er Cru Aux Vergelesses Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)

£150.00 per case IB

From vines planted on a cool site with chalky limestone soils, Aux Vergelesses, often considered amongst the finest Premier Cru sites in Savigny Lès Beaune, produces wines of remarkable depth and terroir expression. Although aged in 100% new oak, you would barely believe it! The intensity and structure of the wine gobble the oak, so it is barely noticeable. The nose is aromatic, showing plenty of stone fruit with a hint of smoke. The palate is concentrated and rich, underpinned by a persistent mineral streak, fresh acidity and impressive length.



Drink 2026+

Coteaux Bourguignons Blanc Le P'tit Bonheur (Meursault) (6x75cl) Domaine Prunier-Bonheur

£72.00 per case IB

Produced from a 0.5 hectare plot of vines planted very close to the village of Meursault with an average age of 70 years. Handpicked and then gently pressed, the juice is then transferred into steel tanks to ferment with some lees stirring. A small proportion of new oak (5%) adds a very slight lift to the wine.

A mini Meursault, overt and aromatic, pure and precise, there is a wonderful streak of minerality that balances the ripe tropical fruit structure.

Tasted blind, you would believe this wine is from a far higher appellation than mere Coteaux Bourguignons. Undoubtedly one of the best value white wines in this offer. Don't miss this one!!



Drink 2026+

BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY

This is a far and widely scattered appellation, which can be confusing and open to much interpretation, leading consumers to either feel saddened by the quality or smiling with joy at the fabulous value for money that these basic white wines can often offer.

As with everything in Burgundy, the name of the appellation is almost the least important clue. Look instead for the name of the producer – this gives insight into the wine’s real origins and the quality of the person who grows the grapes and makes the wine.

Bourgogne Chardonnay can come from anywhere in Burgundy. Top producers will often use younger vines, where the concentration is not yet sufficient for their top wines, blended with wines from lesser vineyards that lie on the boundaries of famous villages. These sites usually share a similar soil and aspect and, most crucially, the wines are produced in the same manner as the top wines. In addition, top producers will sometimes declassify parcels of wine from their better vineyards into their blended Bourgogne wines, helping to keep their top wines at a higher level.

As such, this is where bargains can be found. A top producer can offer ‘basic’ Bourgogne Chardonnay from a village such as Puligny, Saint Aubin or Chassagne, which is often better than many, lesser producer’s top wines and at more affordable prices.

**Bourgogne Chardonnay Domaine de la Vierge Romaine,
Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)**

£72.00 per case IB

From a 0.75 hectare plot in Puligny-Montrachet Les Houillères, there is a small proportion of the vineyard that is not within the Puligny-Montrachet appellation and is only classified as Bourgogne Chardonnay. That said, this wine is Puligny in all but name.

Aged in 50% new oak, though perfectly integrated, it has an aromatic bouquet of vibrant white peach, apricot, citrus and wild white flowers with a touch of honeysuckle. The palate is fresh and mineral driven with a subtle salinity that carries through to a long finish.



Drink 2026+

**Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Cuvée Flavie',
Domaine Guy Amiot et Fils (Chassagne-Montrachet) (6x75cl)**

£90.00 per case IB

A blend of estate wines sourced from 4 parcels around the villages of Chassagne, Puligny and Saint Aubin – all very classy addresses! 30% fermented in new oak and 70% in stainless steel tanks.

Seductive, elegant and classical white Burgundy on the nose, showing white flowers and ripe peach and apricot, with a subtle hint of vanilla from barrel ageing. The palate is rich and concentrated, layered with stone fruits and honey, yet fresh and vibrant, with well balanced acidity that brings precision, energy and harmony through the finish. A baby Chassagne!



Drink 2026+

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay, Domaine Michelot (Meursault) (6x75cl) £102.00 per case IB

Produced from 11 parcels of older vines, including the monopole Clos de Montmeix, totalling 3.75 hectares that surround the village and border the main road. Fermented in one and two year old 500 litre demi muids and aged for 11 months, followed by a further six months in tank.

The 2024 displays the unmistakable Michelot style, but with a leaner, more muscular and edgy character. Vibrancy and freshness are very much to the fore, balancing notes of ripe, buttered apple and spiced fruit. Tight, racy and quenching, this wine is precise and elegant, promising excellent development with age.



Drink 2026+

Bourgogne Côte d'Or Chardonnay, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl) £106.00 per case IB

Produced from parcels of vines, 80% of which are situated in Puligny and 20% in Meursault, the wine is aged for 12 months in 350 litre barrels.

Très jolie! Aromatic and expansive on the nose with notes of honeysuckle, the palate is packed with tropical fruit and a notable grapefruit quench. There is a lovely saline streak that makes the mouth water on the long, persistent finish. You would think you were tasting Puligny!



Drink 2026+

**Bourgogne Blanc La Tuféra,
Domaine Etienne Sauzet (Puligny-Montrachet) (6x75cl)**

£132.00 per case IB

Produced from four small separate parcels of vines and vinified in a mixture of 4-5 year old barrels and large foudres. Racked several times before marrying in tank on the fine lees.

The Sauzet style shines through in this range intro wine. Expressive and overt, the palate is filled with a pineapple juice viscosity and grapefruit tang. Mouth filling and quenching, it has a tight, mineral backbone and spiky matchbox energy that vibrates in the mouth. As is the case every vintage, this is a top drawer Bourgogne Chardonnay.



Drink 2026+

SAINT ROMAIN

Saint Romain was one of the first places where the Celts and Gallo-Romans cultivated the vines. It is situated at the foot of a cliff, yet at an altitude that allows it to overlook the plain below. The drive up to the village is steep giving the immediate impression of being higher than anywhere else on the Côte.

The appellation was established in 1947; before then, the vineyards were simply categorised as Hautes Côtes de Beaune. The terroir derives from the early Jurassic period, with vines planted on steep slopes of limestone and marl, facing south/south-east and north/north-east, at an altitude of 280m to nearly 400m, perfect for producing high quality Chardonnay. Better known for its white wines, brimming with white flowers, lime and minerality, the appellation also produces lighter, fruit packed Pinot Noir. An appellation that is definitely on the rise, especially given the warmer climates of recent years.

AUXEY-DURESSES

Situated in the Côte de Beaune, where smaller valleys cut through the ridge of vineyards that flow down from the Côte de Nuits, the 140 hectares of Auxey-Duresses vineyards lie within such a deep cleft of the ridge, extending westwards for just 3km from the outskirts of Meursault into the hills. Here is a meso-climate provides slightly more warmth. The aspect is south-east facing for the better vineyards, with soils forming an ideal combination of limestone under a scraping of reddish clay for the higher vineyards and thicker clay and marl soils lower down.

What makes Auxey-Duresses so unique is its ability to produce wines similar in style to a good Meursault, but with a little more bracing acidity, elegance and lightness of touch. Less honeyed and slightly more saline, the whites are dry and approachable earlier in their life offering appeal without extended ageing.

Saint Romain 'La Combe Bazin', Domaine Prunier-Bonheur (6x75cl) £132.00 per case IB

This south-west facing, single 0.96 hectare plot of vines was planted in 1990 on a steep slope to the east of the village of Saint-Romain towards Auxey-Duresses. The soil is predominantly white marl and limestone with some clay.

Vinified in 350 litre oak barrels of which 20% is new, this is always my favourite wine from this domaine. The bouquet is bright with tropical fruit aromas leading to a zesty palate full of grapefruit and pineapple characters. There is a slaty minerality, a note of gunflint and a quenching finish that is long and infused with a touch of hazelnut.



Drink 2027+

Auxey-Duresses Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Prunier-Bonheur (6x75cl) £156.00 per case IB

Produced from two parcels of vines, with an average age of 65 years old that touch the appellation of Meursault. The combined 1.4 hectares lie on the top of the hill and the vines are an average of 70 years old. The grapes are handpicked into small baskets and sorted at the winery. Fermentation is in tank at a low temperature, with 25% new oak, spending 12 months in barrel before a simple racking. The wine is then aged for a further 6 months in tank before bottling.

This is such an expressive wine that deserves a lot of attention. A wonderful bouquet, the palate is tightly knit and brimming with grapefruit and supported with a wet stone minerality. The finish is quenching and long in the mouth.



Drink 2026+



MEURSAULT

The village of Meursault, with its hunkered down pale honey stone walls and narrow streets, is home to many producers of arguably the fattest and ripest white Burgundies. Here, notes of honey, the richness of glycerine, oatmeal and rich apple fruit are balanced by a bracing acidity derived from planting Chardonnay on thin limestone soils.

Whilst the appellation of Meursault abuts Puligny-Montrachet, whose wines are renowned for their tautness and high acidity, it is the texture of a Meursault which gives its uniqueness.

Soils in Meursault are generally Jurassic limestone over clay deposits, with the best vines sited on the upper slopes, where stony, broken limestone outcrops are prevalent and the topsoil is very thin. The ideal aspect is south to south-east. The slopes here are gentler than in the Côte de Nuits, with a gradient a few degrees less inclined, and the best vineyards, many of which are of Premier Cru status, are all mid slope at heights of around 220-300m. The best sited 1er Crus are arguably Les Charmes and Les Genévrières due to the near perfect aspect, soil and drainage. Unlike Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault contains no Grand Crus.

Meursault, Domaine Michelot (6x75cl)

£240.00 per case IB

Assembled from 7 different plots, which form 3 distinct cuvées, subsequently blended after fermentation, all with differing aspects of soil, microclimate and aspect. This wine is enriched by grapes produced from the lieux-dits vineyards of Les Casse Têtes and Limozin near Volnay, which give an added richness and intensity.

Fermented in tank and barrel, with 10% new oak and using a variety of barrels. 1/3 in 500 litre foudres, 1/3 in traditional Burgundy 228 litre barriques, and 1/3 in grès pots.

The wine is aged in barrel for 12 months and then for a further 6 months in tank.

A beautifully defined bouquet with notes of nuts and honey, the palate is succulent, rich and creamy, more in the old style of Michelot. This takes me back! There is opulence and fatness, a trait of the 2023 vintage, but there is balance too with a lemon zest streak laced through the core. Beautiful!



Drink 2027+

Meursault Les Chevalières, Domaine Joseph Voillot (6x75cl)

£242.00 per case IB

From a small 0.152 hectare plot west of the village, purchased by Etienne's grandfather in the late 1970s, the vines are 44 years old. Situated near the Premier Cru Les Cras, the site benefits from morning sun. In 2024, just two barrels were produced.

The nose is immediately appealing with rich aromas of beeswax, honey and lemon. The palate is unctuous and layered offering ripe dessert apple, honey, mineral notes and subtle oak. The finish is bright, citric and refreshing. This is a beautifully balanced and decadent Meursault, full of class and finesse.



Drink 2026+

Meursault Clos St Felix, Domaine Michelot (6x75cl)

£295.00 per case IB

Named after the small walled vineyard ("Clos") that lies huddled down to the front of the estate, this sheltered 0.82 hectare site enjoys an extra 1°C degree of warmth adding richness, mouthfeel and concentration. The late Bernard Michelot claims that he always felt that extra degree of warmth after he jumped over the wall, returning from seeing his girlfriend in the early hours, after breaking the evening curfew during the 2WW. Fermented in tank and barrel, with 10% new oak and using a variety of barrels – 35% in 500 litre foudres, 40% in traditional Burgundy 228 litre barriques and 20% in clay eggs.

A mouthful of honeyed fruit, round and creamy with notes of brioche and French toast. The wine shows impressive energy providing balance and poise. Thrilling acidity, a luscious creamy texture and powerful structure suggest it will age beautifully for several years. An absolute belter !



Drink 2027+

Meursault 1er Cru Les Genévrières, Domaine Michelot (6x75cl)

£485.00 per case IB

This is one of the most highly regarded 1er Crus, situated to the south of the village where the soil is poor with high mineral content. Michelot owns just 0.77 hectares in a single plot. Produced in a mixture of 70% barrique (228 litre) of which 50% is new and 30% large oak barrels, of which 15% is with a small proportion fermented in neutral clay eggs to add extra purity to the wine.

The nose is ripe, expressive and generous with notes of Canteloup melon, Braeburn apple, pineapple and honey, all laced with thrilling quenching acidity, intense minerality and subtle vanilla. This is a very impressive, richly textured and powerful wine, yet the overall feeling is of a wine that has complexity and finesse throughout. Quite outstanding!



Drink 2028+

Tornado, Le mascotte de
Meursault Clos Saint Felix



PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

A tiny village of just 210 hectares of vineyards, yet with a huge reputation. Amongst its immaculate vineyards lie four Grand Crus - Montrachet, Bienvenues-Bâtard Montrachet, Bâtard-Montrachet and Chevalier Montrachet, with Bâtard and Le Montrachet shared between Puligny and Chassagne and seventeen 1er crus making up a large proportion of its acreage (the official trade website of Bourgogne states these top classified vineyards make up over 90ha of the whole appellation).

Puligny is almost 100% white wine and it is often held up as the epitome, the ideal and perfect expression of the Chardonnay grape. The village lies south of Meursault, approximately 13km from Beaune with vines curving gracefully around the broken brown limestone and clay slopes, predominately facing south-east and south. Where the soil is thinnest, the best wines are found, and here the leading producers, such as Sauzet, Leflaive and Carillon dominate the rankings.

What makes Puligny Montrachet unique above all else is its tautness and almost savoury leanness, which seems to fatten and develop with age. A dry wine whose rich baked apple and honeyed flavour show both salinity and stony minerality in youth, it evolves to become more beguiling, full and complex with age.



**Puligny-Montrachet Les Houillères
Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)**

£234.00 per case IB

A 2/3 hectare plot purchased a number of years ago from Louis Chavy, this wine always provides excellent value for money and punches way above its price tag. Due to poor flowering and mildew, Alban produced just 50% of the usual yield, only 35 hl/ha.

A long, slow pressing gives a lot of free-run juice which aids clarity and texture on the finished wine. Fermented partly in tank and barrel and aged in 50% new oak for ten months.

The nose is clean and mineral driven with pure aromas of white peach and wet stone. On the palate, the wine is fresh and vibrant with notes of honeysuckle and tropical fruit with excellent concentration balanced by a crisp, lively acidity.



Drink 2026+

Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl)

£288.00 per case IB

Produced from 2 hectares of vines made up of 6 different parcels, each vinified separately. This wine is matured in larger 350 litre demi-muids, with 20% new oak to restrain the oak character, with regular racking and finished in steel tanks for 6 months prior to bottling.

This is a very characterful wine, beautiful and fragrant with a touch of gunflint giving a spiky whiff that enhances the honeyed bouquet. The palate is tight and steely with a slate minerality that provides a perfect structure for the enveloping honeyed fruit. Quite wonderful!



Drink 2027+

Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Jacques Carillon (6x75cl)

£TBC per case IB

The Carillon family has been making wine in the village of Puligny-Montrachet since the 16th century, beginning with Jehan Carillon, who was a vintner in Puligny in 1520. After completing his studies at the winemaking school in Beaune, Jacques Carillon joined his father in the family vineyard in 1980. In 2010, Jacques and his brother split the Carillon domaine and now he farms his 5.25 hectares of vines with wife, Sylvia.

Produced from 7 separate, perfectly exposed plots totalling 2.7 hectares, the vines have an average age of 40 years.

Fermented and aged in 15% new oak, the bouquet is tight and lean with notes of grapefruit and white peach showing finesse and precision. The palate is concentrated and full bodied with high acidity, lovely ripe fruit and a compelling tension. Intensely flavoured and long on the finish, this wine promises excellent development with age. One of the truly great producers of this appellation.



Drink 2028+

Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Etienne Sauzet (6x75cl)

£300.00 per case IB

Produced from 12 parcels spread around the village, from Chassagne to Meursault, but primarily on the Meursault side, totalling 3.5 hectares. The vines average 50 years old, the oldest of which was planted in 1934.

Hand-picked and fermented in tank, the wine is then transferred into 10% new oak, with the remaining barrels 1-5 years old.

The bouquet is full of lemon zest, lime and green apple leading to a palate that is both linear and precise, full of tension and energy. There is also a delicious streak of minerality that weaves through the concentrated tropical fruit structure. This is a wonderful wine, finely constructed and so typically Sauzet.



Drink 2027+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champ-Canet Domaine Etienne Sauzet (6x75cl)

£585.00 per case IB

A 1 hectare plot situated adjacent to the Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières at almost the highest slope of Puligny. The soil in Champ-Canet is just 40-60cm deep, clay over limestone with oxidised red clay and limestone chippings. The vines average 60 years old and given that this is a very warm vineyard it is always one of the first to be picked.

Wow, what an explosive bouquet! With a yield of just 28hl/ha, there is no surprise that this is a highly concentrated wine, textured and round with intense exotic tropical fruits, a touch of ginger and spice too. The finish continues.....and continues!



Drink 2028+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Folatières Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl)

£630.00 per case IB

This old 0.5 hectare vineyard, close to Meursault and on the same contour with the same soil composition as Chevalier-Montrachet, contains a thick broken limestone substrata showing through the thin topsoil. The 54 year old vines ensure complexity, power and intensity. Aged in 25% new oak 350 litre demi-muids, this is a very impressive 1er cru.

This wine possesses a magnificent weight with honey and flavours of nuts and nougat filling the palate. It is steely and tight with salinity and a racy minerality that provides great balance. A sensational wine this vintage.



Drink 2027+

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Demoiselles Domaine Guy Amiot et Fils (6x75cl)

£995.00 per case IB

The Demoiselles vineyard, lying to the northern edge of Montrachet and across from the 1er Cru of Les Pucelles, is owned by just 3 producers. It is arguably the finest of the 1er cru and for the sake of 9 feet of pathway and a small wall, could be Montrachet itself. Amiot's 0.25 hectare of 70 year old vines are wedged between the northern edge of the Grand Cru of Le Montrachet and just below Chevalier-Montrachet.

Aged in 30% new oak this is a powerful Puligny showing great concentration, depth and complexity. The nose is rich and expressive, whilst the palate unfolds layer upon layer of intensely ripe dried stone fruits, citrus and spice, all balanced by a taut minerality and a steely structure. The precision, power and depth are Grand Cru like. Truly outstanding. For lovers of white Burgundy, Demoiselles is an iconic wine.



Drink 2027+

A low-angle shot of a tall, rectangular stone pillar. The pillar is made of light-colored, textured stone with visible horizontal joints. In the lower-middle section, there is a recessed rectangular panel with decorative, rounded corners. The word "MONTRACHET" is engraved in dark blue, serif capital letters on this panel. The pillar is set against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. A portion of a metal railing is visible on the right side of the pillar.

MONTRACHET

CHASSAGNE MONTRACHET

The village of Chassagne Montrachet lies 1.5km south of Puligny-Montrachet. Between these villages lie the Grand Crus shared between Puligny and Chassagne-Montrachet and the valley that carves westward toward the village and vines of Saint-Aubin. Chassagne-Montrachet consists of around 300 hectares of vines, split roughly 65/35 Chardonnay to Pinot Noir, with around 120 hectares of Premier Cru vineyards, mainly, but not always for white wines, as well as part of both Le Montrachet and Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Crus. Unlike Puligny-Montrachet, where the village sits amongst Bourgogne vines with the best vineyards on the outskirts, Chassagne-Montrachet is slap-bang in AOC Chassagne vineyards itself.

Geologically, Chassagne is similar to Puligny-Montrachet. They share a common geographical fault line that slices between them, where the Grand Crus sit atop this minor scarp fault and the soils are similar, with brown limestone and the thinnest soils producing the finest Premier Cru and Grand Cru wines. Limestone is the bedrock throughout Chassagne-Montrachet, with names such as Caillerets and Combettes (Quarries) reflecting the importance of the local Nantoux limestone in the subsoil. The major difference between Puligny-Montrachet and Chassagne-Montrachet is that some areas of Chassagne have slightly heavier soils and the vines face a few degrees more to the south. As a result, the dry whites of Chassagne can be characterised, but not always, as slightly, richer and more honeyed with a touch less fresh acidity.

Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes Domaine Guy Amiot et Fils (6x75cl)

£275.00 per case IB

Produced from 12 separate parcels of vines spread across 2.5 hectare of the lower slopes all around the village, each parcel with a different aspect. The majority of the vines are aged 40-90 year old, though 2 parcels have 'younger' vines at just 20 year old.

With yields of 38 hl/ha, this full bodied yet precise wine is exotic and sumptuous, combining elegance with mouthwatering freshness. The nose is opulent, revealing layers of tropical fruit, grapefruit, pineapple, alongside ripe stone fruits, peach, stewed apple and honey with a touch of spice. On the palate the wine is rich and creamy yet there is a driving acidity and striking minerality with intense fruit aromas. The finish is layered, citric and long, leaving a lasting impression of precision and balance. The 2024 Chassagne reminds Fabrice of the 2016 vintage, with a similar balance of power, freshness and structure.



Drink 2027+

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Macherelles
Domaine Guy Amiot et Fils (6x75cl)

£315.00 per case IB

This larger vineyard, planted in 1983, lies directly beneath Vergers and gently slopes to the upper reaches of the village and across to the boundary with Puligny and Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet. Amiot owns a 0.5 hectare plot of clay dominant soil which helps retain a softer, more opulent style of Chassagne. The north-east exposure and 50 year old vines contribute to naturally high acidity, key for the balance in this vintage. Fabrice noted "We lost around 40% of the grapes but the quality was even better than 2023 with crop levels around 35 hl/ha."

Known as the "La Femme Classique" of Chassagne this is a big, rich and concentrated Premier Cru with ripe peach, apple and honeyed fruit supported by 30% new oak. The nose is layered with tropical fruit, honeysuckle and peach whilst the palate is dry, full bodied and rounded, showing pear, honey, dessert apple and vanilla. Wet stone minerality and bright, citric acidity keep the wine lifted and precise giving a taut, elegant finish. Powerful yet poised, Macherelles retains the signature richness and clarity of the Amiot style.



Drink 2027+

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Vergers
Domaine Guy Amiot et Fils (6x75cl)

£350.00 per case IB

Meaning 'Orchard', the vineyard of Vergers is situated at the top of the slope as it bends north away from the village. The aspect is north-east so the vines enjoy a longer, less sun kissed aspect and hence the freshness of the wines are immediate. Amiot's 0.5 hectare is planted with 65 year old vines and he mentioned that "Les Vergers was arguably our best vineyard in 2024 and the fruit was intense and very exotic when picked".

Generous and richly textured this wine opens with a creamy, opulent nose of tropical fruit, dried pineapple, peach and subtle vanilla oak, lifted by exotic spice and roasted cashew notes. On the palate it is intense and layered, with concentrated fruit complemented by striking minerality. Fresh, tangy citrus acidity cuts through the richness, keeping the wine vibrant, mouthwatering and explosive, whilst the finish is long and precise. Stunning!



Drink 2027+

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Caillerets
Domaine Guy Amiot et Fils (6x75cl)

£395.00 per case IB

The steeper slopes of Caillerets, strewn with lumps of limestone and pebbles, lie beside the winery on the southern aspect of the village and benefit from the afternoon sun. Amiot's 0.5 hectare is split between 2 parcels, one 86 years old the other a mere 48! Aged for 12 months in 30% new oak and 9 months in tank before bottling.

Ripe and expressive, this wine is layered with honeyed, toasty and tropical fruit aromas framed by intense citrusy lemon acidity and a wet stone minerality. On the palate it is sumptuous and powerful with complex layers of white peach and stone fruits and a creamy, voluminous texture that coats the mouth. Mouthwatering acidity runs from start to finish balancing the richness with precision and lift. A true expression of Chassagne identity this wine combines power, elegance and unmistakable character, standing apart from the more linear modern style.



Drink 2027+

Le Montrachet Grand Cru
Domaine Guy Amiot et Fils (6x75cl)

£3,995.00 per case IB

A small plot on the Grand Cru 'Clos' of Le Montrachet and planted with Chardonnay of 45-75 years of age, all with perfect exposure and a warm microclimate. Hallowed soils, amazing wine!

The grapes were handpicked and the wine fermented and then aged in 100% new oak for 12 months, followed by 6 months in stainless steel before bottling. In 2024, just one 300 litre barrel was produced compared to the usual two.

Rich, profound and forward this is a wine that could stop any conversation. The nose is honeyed, toasty and intensely ripe whilst the palate is layered and powerful, with flavours of orange marmalade, citrus, roasted nuts, honeysuckle, hints of spice, dessert apple and nutmeg. Despite its weight and richness, the wine shows remarkable vibrancy, focus and precision. A wine that demands attention.



Drink 2028+

SAINT-AUBIN

The hamlet of Saint-Aubin is a mere 4 minute drive from both Chassagne-Montrachet and Puligny-Montrachet, with the minor D906 winding between the two villages, passing the hallowed Grand Crus of Chevalier and Le Montrachet on the right as you head west.

Saint-Aubin has risen to prominence in recent years, thanks to a resurgence of interest in high quality wines produced by landmark domaines such as Lamy and Colin, whose quality rival, and in some cases surpass, those of the 'Hollywoods' of neighbouring Chassagne and Puligny. The vineyards of Saint Aubin cover around 170 hectares of vines, 80% planted with Chardonnay, spread across roughly 30 Premier Cru climats. Many of these Premier Crus lie close to and share similar slopes and aspects with the Grand Crus of Bâtard and Le Montrachet.

It is on these white clay and limestone soil slopes you will find top estates such as Lamy. A south-east facing aspect adds extra warmth whilst the gentle slopes provide excellent drainage. Go further into the valley and the air is cooler, the slopes steeper, with less warming, well drained limestone and the wines are awarded the AOC Saint-Aubin appellation.



Olivier Lamy

Saint-Aubin La Princée, Domaine Hubert Lamy

£TBA per case IB

This wine is produced from ten parcels and also includes 20% of grapes from his 1er Cru Frionnes vines located in a cooler part of the appellation. This gives an added depth and complexity to the wine. No new oak, the barrels used are anywhere up to 10 years old.



Drink 2027+

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Clos du Meix, Domaine Hubert Lamy

£TBA per case IB

The Clos de Meix is a small 0.7ha walled plot of vines overlooking the Southern aspect of the village - the extra warmth of the 'clos' gives a higher degree of richness. The vines were planted in two blocks in 1985 and 1995 on a soil of hard chalk and rock overlaid with large stones.



Drink 2027+

Saint-Aubin 1er Cru en Remilly, Domaine Hubert Lamy

£TBA per case IB

Produced from 2 parcels, each 1 ha, planted by the Lamy family over the past two generations. This is the finest Saint-Aubin 1er Cru - a steep south facing slope which is effectively a continuation of the famous Grand Cru Le Montrachet.



Drink 2027+

Note: Lamy now releases his wines in June. Please contact us to register your interest.



CÔTE DE NUITS

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Côte de Nuits



Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Le Chapitre', Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl) £72.00 per case IB

This is one of only three Bourgogne Pinot Noirs that can attach the vineyard name to its label. It has now been given the go ahead to be re-classified to the appellation of Marsannay. Alban very kindly continues to declassify this wine especially for us. What a lovely man!

However, the 2024 vintage was hit hard, producing a mere 9 hl/h, only five barrels - a complete catastrophe! Hand-picked, crushed and fermented in tank before transfer to a mixture of 1 and 2 year old French and American oak, of which 20% is new.

Wow! A ripe, expressive Pinot Noir showing an abundance of strawberry and cherry fruit. Intense and beautifully concentrated with vibrant freshness. The tannins are soft and ripe, giving a rich, layered texture and a lingering, mouth filling finish.



Drink 2026+

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Sérafin (Gevrey-Chambertin) (6x75cl) £159.00 per case IB

Harvested from 2 parcels, including a 0.33 hectare parcel of 48 year old vines named Pressonnier which for 30 years, between 1956 and 1986, had the right to be sold as Gevrey-Chambertin. Only 6 barrels were produced in 2024, down from the normal 15-20 barrels.

Vinified in 60% new oak, the bouquet is so overt and fragrant with wild berry fruit aromas and a whiff of hedgerow freshness. The palate is firm with succulent notes of liquorice and chewy black fruit tannins that coat the gums. This is Gevrey-Chambertin in all but name.



Drink 2027+

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

Arguably the most recognised of all red Burgundy appellations, Gevrey-Chambertin is also one of the largest in the Côte de Nuits, covering around 420 hectares, including approximately 80 hectares of Premier and Grand Cru vineyards.

Situated a 30 minute drive north of Beaune, the large village sits astride the D974, with the nine Grand Crus all on the left as you enter the village. Gentle slopes of 10 to 15 degrees rise in serried rows of vines, leading the eye to forest-capped summits, which provide crucial protection from the harsh prevailing westerly winds.

Pinot Noir is king here with the Jurassic limestone seen poking through the reddish clay often mixed with pebbles and brown marl. The Premier and Grand Cru vineyards are all mid slope, where perfect drainage, sunnier aspect and thinner soils, often with a degree of iron present, give world class, richly structured red wines. The vineyards of Gevrey-Chambertin sit astride 2 minor fault lines, where Crinodial limestone butts up against Primeaux limestone, the porous rock covered in scree and slope wash from centuries of erosion.

Thicker soils lower down the slopes provide higher yields but less concentration, so top producers prune carefully, plant only on well drained, thinner soils and pick at the optimum moment to maximise quality.

Criss-crossing the fields are small stone walls, marking 'Clos' or separate climats owned by a single grower. Within these normally tiny demarcated vineyards, some of the greatest wines in Burgundy are produced. Gevrey-Chambertin is above all full-bodied. The combination of soils, aspect, vinification and the nature of the appellation produces Pinot Noir that is often firm and brooding when young, usually requiring seven to ten years to develop. Lower yields of 50 hl/ha, often substantially less for the top producers, are rarely reached and the Grand Crus have a maximum of 35 hl/ha. For the greatest wines, this can mean a wine that requires 15 to 20 years to reveal its breathtaking perfume, richness, breeding and power.

Gevrey-Chambertin 'Pressonnier' Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)

£174.00 per case IB

This small 0.3 hectare plot only produced 4 barrels in 2024. Aged in 30% French mountain oak and 15% German, both of which are 100% new oak. The remainder is matured in used French barrels.

Wow, this is a very seductive Gevrey with an expressive bouquet of sweet red and black fruit with floral notes. The palate is precise and focused with ripe, finely balanced tannins and a minerality that carry a concentrated core of pure fruit. Rich and structured yet elegant with a long, persistent finish.



Drink 2027+

**Gevrey-Chambertin,
Domaine Sérafin (6x75cl)
£240.00 per case IB**

Produced from grapes grown on 6 separate plots and aged for 16 months in 50% new oak.

This is a brooding, tight and smoky wine full of energy and vibrance. There is a very intense layer of black fruits that dominate the palate with soft tannins fully in check but supporting the structures so well. This is a classic style of Gevrey-Chambertin from one of the village's top producers that will provide real pleasure.



**Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes,
Domaine Sérafin (6x75cl)
£325.00 per case IB**

Produced from 7 parcels totalling 1 hectare situated adjacent to Grand Cru and premier Cru vineyards. The vines average 73 years old, the oldest of which are nearly 100 years old, but are still producing excellent quality grapes. As with all Sérafin's wines, it is 100% destemmed. Vinified and aged for 18 months in 100% new oak.

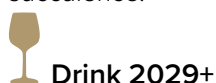
The old vines really show their worth with a notable step up in intensity. Tight and brooding, there is a lot happening in this wine – black fruit concentrated but also wonderfully fresh with notes of hedgerow, smoky and a lick of spice that provides a savoury edge and an impressive tannin structure.



**Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Corbeaux,
Domaine Sérafin (6x75cl)
£420.00 per case IB**

This 1er Cru is situated just outside the village of Gevrey adjacent to the Grand Cru of Mazis-Chambertin. Within the Corbeaux vineyards there is a small 0.45 hectare walled vineyard (a Clos) which is owned exclusively by the Sérafin family. Planted on deep clay and rocky soils, the vines are 55 years old, or as Frédérique says, "...they are now at the end of their adolescence!" Hand-picked, 100% destemmed, fermented in 100% new oak and aged for 18 months.

This is a powerful, rich and full bodied Pinot Noir that balances intense dark fruit flavours with a firm structure, defined by a distinct earthy minerality. The fruit richness comes from the clay and the tight, mineral structure from the limestone and rocks. The finish is brooding with a fine fruit intense succulence.



**Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Fonteny,
Domaine Sérafin (6x75cl)
£525.00 per case IB**

Produced from a 0.22 hectare plot of 64 year old vines, enjoying an east west exposure to the daily sunshine that sit on a very rocky soil, producing very small grapes. Situated next to the Grand Cru Ruchottes.

Fonteny is always a more feminine and elegant expression of Gevrey-Chambertin. The bouquet is so beautiful and aromatic with notes of violet and red cherry fragrance. The palate is full of tension and stony minerality, racy red and black fruits and a velvety tannin structure. Only 2 barrels of this super wine were produced in 2024.



**Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Cazetières,
Domaine Sérafin (6x75cl)
£675.00 per case IB**

Produced from a 0.33 hectare plot of 66 year old vines, this 1er Cru is situated high on the slope and immediately next to the famous Clos Saint Jacques vineyard. It is always the last 1er Cru to be picked due to the colder soils.

The grapes are fully destemmed and fermented, then aged in 100% new oak for 18 months. This wine is very impressive. A structured and powerful backbone, a real energy and complexity are its hallmarks. There is a brooding earthiness on the palate with an intense cassis fruit profile and wonderful silky tannins. A highly impressive wine.



**Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru,
Domaine Sérafin (6x75cl)
£1,100.00 per case IB**

Produced from two parcels of vines averaging 82 years old, one in Charmes and one in Mazoyères totalling only 0.3 hectares. (It is an interesting peculiarity that Mazoyères can be labelled as Charmes Chambertin.)

An exquisitely expressive and perfumed nose unfurls with heady violet floral notes drawing you in immediately. On the palate the wine is immaculately composed and tightly woven revealing a core of deep, supple black fruit concentration. The tannins are finely honed and seamlessly integrated, lending both precision and poise. The finish is long and effortlessly elegant. The clue is in the name - What a 'charming' wine!



MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

A signpost on the D974 is pretty much all that alerts you to this famous village as you head to Morey-Saint-Denis. The tiny hamlet sits on the left, at the foot of the upper vineyard slopes that rise toward Gevrey-Chambertin. Covering just 100 hectares, the commune is home to five prestigious Grand Crus, including the mighty Clos de Tart and Bonne-Mares, and twenty Premier Crus. Despite its small size, Morey-Saint-Denis punches well above its weight.

The first thing to notice is the increase in gradient, which rises to around 15 to 27 degrees. The soils are paler here, a sign of crumbly white oolite over Primeaux limestone, clay and scattered marl. This unique combination gives the wines of Morey their perfume and elegance, particularly in the Premier Crus. These vineyards benefit from good drainage, a south-east facing aspect, and protection from winds by the higher slopes behind the vineyards. Essentially, the Premier Crus lie just below the Grand Crus, often separated by little more than a track. The style of wine is elegant yet full-bodied, with a distinct perfume and notes of cherries and chocolate.

Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Millandes, Domaine Sérafin (6x75cl)

£395.00 per case IB

This 0.32 hectare plot of 1er Cru is located next to the Grand Cru of Clos de la Roche with a south west exposure on mild slopes named Côte Rôtie. The average age of the vines is 55 years old. Fermented in 100% new oak and aged for 18 months.

A profound and captivating nose bursts with black cassis and a hedgerow freshness. On the palate the wine is powerful and structured with chewy integrated tannins providing a firm backbone beneath a core of deep and dark concentrated fruit. There is a striking sense of energy and presence, a real “boom” as the powerful underlay of minerality and freshness drives the long and lingering finish. Intense, layered and utterly compelling, this is a superb Morey-Saint-Denis that encapsulates power, complexity and finesse.



Drink 2030+

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Set into the cleft of Combe d'Ambin on the hillside south of Morey, this small appellation of just 150 hectares includes 24 Premier Crus and shares two Grand Crus: Bonnes-Mares, extending from Morey, and Musigny, adjoining Vougeot to the south. Protection from the westerly winds ends at the head of this gully, leaving the mid-slopes to village and Premier Cru vineyards, all facing south and south-east to capture precious sunlight. The soils here are a mixture of eroded, nutrient-rich deposits from the upper reaches of the narrow Ambin gorge, with a scraping of limestone and marl. Often described as the most feminine of the top Pinot-dominated communes in the Côte d'Or, Chambolle-Musigny is renowned for its intoxicating perfume and wines that are fleshy, succulent and elegant above all else.

**Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru 'Les Baudes',
Domaine Sérafin (6x75cl)
£570.00 per case IB**

Produced from 49 year old vines which are located adjacent to the Grand Cru of Bonne-Marres. Fully destemmed, coming in at a healthy yield of 48hl/ha. Fermented in 100% new oak and aged for 18 months.

A perfumed bouquet of cherries and raspberries as well as violet floral notes – quite captivating. The palate is succulent and seductive with silky, finely integrated tannins and a soothing, flowing texture. Layered red fruit and mineral undertones provide depth and poise whilst the persistent, elegant finish showcases the balance of finesse and power.

This is an alluring wine from arguably the most elegant and refined Pinot producing villages. Expressive, graceful and utterly harmonious.



Drink 2030+



Frédérique Goulley

VOSNE-ROMANÉE

The vineyards of Vosne-Romanée lie on the northern outskirts of Nuits-Saint-Georges, rising on the left as you drive north. They occupy slopes of broken limestone, red and brown marl and clay mixed with pebbles criss-crossed with narrow stone walls demarcating individual 'Clos'

The names above the entry gates to these separate vineyards are sheer poetry – La Tâche, Richebourg, Les Chaumes, Les Suchots..... but all eyes surely turn to a nondescript single plot visible from the northern edge of the village itself. Here is planted the iconic Romanée-Conti of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, a single Grand Cru vineyard producing, without contest, the most expensive red Burgundy of them all.

Beyond these hallowed vines lie the wider vineyards of Vosne-Romanée, which cover 150 hectares and include six Grand Crus and fourteen Premier Crus. The best wines come from mid slopes with village AOC vines situated above and below the Premier and Grand Cru sites. Soils are a mixture of broken limestone, clay and marl, with pebbles more prominent in the favoured sites. The slopes face east and south-east with a modest gradient of around 15 degrees. Well protected from the wind, the vines are carefully managed, with yields averaging 35 hl/ha for Premier Cru and as low as 25 hl/ha for Grand Cru in recent years.

The style of Vosne-Romanée is robust and full bodied, with a haunting perfume when young. Intense concentration of red fruits, sturdy tannins that are absorbed by the sweet fruit as the wine develops.



Vosne-Romanée, Domaine Jean Grivot (6x75cl)
£360.00 per case IB

In 2024 Mathilde Grivot reported that their vineyards were severely affected by an unusual combination of challenges including mildew, untimely rain and cold, heat stress, poor flowering and some hail resulting in drastically reduced yields.

Picked at just 14 hl/ha, this small 2.5 hectare holding, spread across nine plots, nonetheless shines in the glass. The nose is fragrant and smoky with hints of menthol and earthy hedgerow notes layered with ripe, sweet cherry and raspberry fruit. Aged in 30% new oak, the wine gains spice and a subtle vanilla texture leading to a long, elegant finish.



Etienne Grivot



Drink 2028+

Vosne-Romanée, 1er Cru Les Gaudichots,
Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)

£540.00 per case IB

A tiny plot of just 0.2 hectares that lies adjacent to La Tache and Romanée Conti. In 2024, Alban produced 4 barrels, aged in 100% new French oak.

The nose is deep, brooding and intensely aromatic with ripe red and black fruits. The palate is elegant yet powerful with firm, ripe tannins, a hint of liquorice, freshness and a streak of racy minerality. Strikingly structured it has a long, lingering finish, beautifully balancing power and finesse.



Drink 2029+



Alban Machard de Gramont

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

In parallel with Gevrey-Chambertin to the north, this large appellation is much sought after and capable of producing first class wines when made by a top grower.

Nuits-Saint-Georges lies at the heart of the Côte de Nuits, midway between Dijon and Beaune, with its vineyards spreading up the gently undulating slopes to the west, away from the road as you head north. The soils here are mixed with thicker clay, more marl, more ironstone and less broken limestone. The majority of vines are planted on the flatter, more alluvial soils, where the richer ground produces fruitier wines with less concentration. This is where the négociants source much of their Nuits-Saint-Georges.

The escarpment of Comblanchien begins to dip towards the road here, its protective height diminishing. On the sheltered northern slopes, however, a handful of good domaines work amongst the neat vines, pruning carefully and farming as sustainably as possible. These slopes also host all 41 of the Premier Crus of Nuits-Saint-Georges. Better drainage, aspect and soils here provide lower yields, greater frost and wind protection, and more concentrated fruit. The southern commune of Primeux-Prissey is often cited among the finest of the villages. In all cases, Nuits-Saint-Georges produces full-bodied, muscular wines that require several years to develop their signature black fruit character.



**Nuits-Saint-Georges En La Perrière Noblot,
Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)**

£162.00 per case IB

Machard de Gramont is the dominant landowner of this 1.5 hectare limestone plot, one of three in the lieu-dit, planted with late ripening vines, some over 50 years old. The vineyard is mid-slope, east-facing, situated between the villages of Nuits-Saint-Georges and Vosne-Romanée. The wine is aged in French and Hungarian oak, 50% of which is new.

Light in colour with an expressive bouquet of ripe, pure cherry and redcurrant, complemented by subtle earthy and floral notes. The palate is structured yet refined with firm, polished tannins balanced by concentrated fruit and a touch of rusticity that adds depth and character. A superb expression of the appellation, showing classic Nuits-Saint-Georges finesse and distinctive terroir.



Drink 2027+

Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Aux Lavières' Domaine Jean Grivot (6x75cl)

£315.00 per case IB

Produced from two plots totalling 0.92 hectares on dense clay and some limestone soils, this wine was destemmed and aged for 15 months in 25% new oak. It is a robust and structured style of Pinot Noir showing excellent ripeness and pure, sweet Pinot fruit. The palate is well extracted with a balanced core of red and black fruits. Streaks of raspberry purée run through the tannins, adding sweetness, vibrancy and energetic lift, resulting in a wine with both power and finesse.



Drink 2028+

**Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru Les Damodes,
Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)**

£240.00 per case IB

Alban's superb 0.8 hectare plot lies in this fine Premier Cru on the northern border with Vosne-Romanée, adjacent to the prestigious premier cru Malconsorts. The wine is aged in 100% new oak, evenly split between American and Hungarian barrels.

The nose is aromatic and seductive with rich black fruits and delicate rose petal notes. The palate is concentrated and vibrant, showing ripe, firm tannins and a masculine style of black fruit. Elegant and round with a long, lingering finish, this is a wine of depth, finesse and classic Premier Cru character.



Drink 2028+



RED WINES CÔTEAUX BOURGUIGNONS

In 2011 the now defunct appellations of Bourgogne Ordinaire and Bourgogne Grand Ordinaire were replaced by the newer appellation of Coteaux Bourguignons, a regional level appellation that covers the entire Burgundy region, from Auxerre in the north near Chablis, down to the Beaujolais. The red wines are produced using Pinot Noir and Gamay as well as the little known Tressot and César (in the Yonne only) grape varieties.



Pascal Prunier

**Coteaux Bourguignons Rouge Le P'tit Bonheur,
Domaine Prunier-Bonheur (6x75cl)**

£72.00 per case IB

2023 was the first vintage that we were able to obtain a parcel of this terrific wine. Speaking from experience this is a wonderful midweek Burgundy!

Produced from 2 parcels of 74 year old Gamay vines in Auxey-Duresses, the grapes are fermented in old oak barrels and then aged for 12 months with a further 6 months in bottle before release. Light and breezy on the nose, the palate is vibrant and full of energy, an expression of succulent raspberry and strawberry fruits are ably supported by a soft tannin structure and the finish is soothing.



Drink 2026+



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Nathalie Tollot

**Bourgogne Pinot Noir Vieilles Vignes
Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)**

£69.00 per case IB

From two parcels, La Corvée Guichard and La Boutière, the latter being situated between Chorey-lès-Beaune and Aloxe-Corton, this wine is produced from vines up to 70 years old.

Aged in one year old barrels, it has a distinctly New World style with a jammy bouquet of ripe fruit. The palate is rich and concentrated with ripe strawberry yet balanced by a refreshing acidity that keeps it lively and approachable.



Drink 2026+

**Bourgogne Côte d'Or Pinot Noir (Savigny-lès-Beaune)
Domaine Camus-Bruchon et Fils (6x75cl)**

£90.00 per case IB

Produced from two lieux-dits, Les Boutières and Préveaux, from vines averaging 60 years old and totalling 1.5 hectares, it is rare to find such concentration at this level.

Aged in 1 to 5 year old oak, this is almost a New World style of Pinot and is hugely attractive. Sweet cherry and crunchy, fresh red fruit lead the way, supported by ripe, soft tannins and a fresh, balanced finish. Pure and expressive this wine is very stylish indeed!



Drink 2026+

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Joseph Voillot (6x75cl)

£98.00 per case IB

Produced from 2 plots, Les Long Bois and Les Grandes Terres, covering approximately 1.3 hectares, the vineyards are situated on the lower slopes of the village of Volnay. The vines average 60 years of age. Hand-picked, pigeage is done by hand, starting at twice a day for the first 6 days, then once a day thereafter. A maturation for 10 months in 2-10 year old barrels follows.

Aromas of baked black hedgerow fruits on the nose and on the palate there is black cherry, smoked blackberry, spice, and a touch of menthol. Rich, dense and textured with excellent depth and concentration, this is a wonderfully appealing Pinot Noir that can be enjoyed immediately but will benefit from 2-5 years of cellaring.



Drink 2026+

**Bourgogne Côte d'Or Pinot Noir (Chorey-lès-Beaune),
Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)**

£115.00 per case IB

Picked from 3 separate parcels, Trot Garnier, Les Closeaux and Les Grandes Terres, totalling 3 hectares, planted on heavy clay soil. Hand-picked grapes, de-stemming and fermenting on skins with a slow and prolonged extraction gives great colour and rich sweet fruit. Aged in 25% new oak.

The bouquet offers that typical expressive Tollot style – alluring, intensely fragrant and deliciously ripe. The palate is laden with crunchy black fruits and is so rich and ripe with an exotic raspberry coulis concentration. What a scrumptious entry to the Tollot range.



Drink 2027+



HAUTES CÔTE DE BEAUNE

The vines of Hautes Côtes de Beaune sit inland through valleys carved in the ridged limestone escarpment, that continues down from Beaune, and crucially, these AOC vineyards are 50-75m higher than the fabled ones on the Côte de Beaune itself. The narrow, winding valleys, orchards and farmland of the Hautes Côtes hide many good wines, and it is here that you can find surprisingly good Pinot Noir, often from top domaines that manage the neat vineyards in the same meticulous and sustainable way as their more well known appellations. Yields are still set at 50hl/ha for red wines, the whole region covering some 850 hectares, and the aspect is less ideally angled toward the sunshine. Due to the vineyard's altitude, the region is often beset with wind and has a higher rainfall and cooler conditions than the Côte de Beaune, so its wines tend to be lighter, more expressive of red fruits, and have a more delicate expression of tannins. In an age of global warming, the wines of the Hautes Côtes are ones to watch.

BEAUNE

Named after the town that is at the epicentre of the Côtes de Beaune, this AOC covers 420 hectares, the vines planted on low slopes directly to the west of the town and spreading out to the north and south of Beaune's suburbs. The soil here gives the wines of Beaune AOC a unique character. To the north, the wines are fuller and more powerful with a richer tannic structure, and to the south the wines are softer, with an elegance and charm that appears almost soft, yet retains a capacity to age well. The slopes are steep and the escarpment of Comblanchien begins its journey underground, the vines top and bottom slope losing their wind protection, and the soil changes too, becoming heavier, with more clay and pebbles. In some areas the soil changes from red (iron rich) marl, to yellow and then to grey Argovian marl dependent on the emerging subsoil.

HAUTES CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune, Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)

£72.00 per case IB

Produced from south facing vineyards situated just outside the boundary with Pommard, this is a really interesting wine. It comes from three parcels, the oldest planted with 70 year old vines, all very well positioned to enjoy sunshine throughout the day. The topsoil is very thin and the average vine age is around 40 years. Alban includes 4% Pinot Beurot, an ancient Burgundian grape closely related to Pinot Gris, to enhance the wine's aromatic complexity.

A beautifully expressive Pinot Noir aged in 20% new oak. Aromas of wild hedgerow and ripe wild strawberry lead into a palate of lovely texture and purity. The wine shows excellent freshness and concentration with sweet, ripe fruit framed by a vibrant acidity. Long and refined on the finish, it displays classic Pinot finesse.



Drink 2026+

BEAUNE

Beaune Les Epenottes, Domaine Machard de Gramont (6x75cl)

£112.00 per case IB

This finely situated 0.3 hectare plot lies at the southern limit of the appellation, touching Pommard 1er Cru Les Epenots. The wine is matured for one year in a mix of French and Hungarian oak, 50% of which is new.

The bouquet is fragrant and fruit driven, whilst the palate is concentrated and supple, with velvety tannins and fresh acidity, enhanced by subtle spice and chestnut notes from the oak. Elegant and refined, the wine is complex, with beguiling aromas and a long, lingering finish.



Drink 2027+



BEAUNE 1ER CRU

Situated within the heart of the Beaune AOC lie the 42 Premier Crus, extending to some 270 ha in total, with the vines planted mid-slope and all with an easterly or south easterly aspect, gaining much needed sunlight and warmth to combat the more exposed and less protected vineyards of the commune. The soil here is Argovian marl, paler in colour, and denser in parts, which gives a richer, more muscular structure to the red wines. Drainage is key here, with higher clay content, and the best Premier Cru all lie on slopes that are both steeper and contain more pebbles and thinner soils.

Of all the 42 Premier Cru, the most notable is Clos du Roi (The Royal wine). Named as it was so often favoured by the Kings of France in their day, it sits on a tiny strip of sand and clay deposits, which gives a degree more heat retention and ripening to the Pinot Noir, tasting almost precocious in its youth.

CORTON

The famous hill of Corton lies in the midst of a cluster of villages – Ladoix-Serrigny, Aloxw-Corton, Pernand-Vergelesses and Savigny-Lès-Beaune with the southern end of the Côte de just to the north. The vines are planted between 250 - 330m in altitude and form an amphitheatre that is unique in Burgundy. This icon is appellation received its AOC status in 1937 and is the home to some of the most complex and sensual wines of the Côte d'Or.

Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi, Domaine Camus-Bruchon et Fils (6x75cl) £174.00 per case IB

This regal appellation is renowned for its mineral drive and structural depth. Guillaume farms a single 0.2 hectare parcel, blessed with abundant sunshine and gravelly soils that naturally enhance precision and intensity.

The wine shows impressive concentration balanced by a vibrant freshness. A tightly knit structure, it is highly expressive and aromatic, with ripe fruit bursting from the glass. A pronounced mineral streak runs seamlessly through the palate adding tension and clarity. Brimming with energy, the wine feels alive and dynamic, combining freshness and fruit purity in a powerful, yet poised, expression that lingers long after the finish.



Drink 2026+

Beaune 1er Cru Clos du Roi, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl) £315.00 per case IB

With an ideal south-south-easterly exposure, this 1er Cru lies to the north of Beaune. Once part of the holdings of the Dukes of Burgundy, the wines of Beaune were especially prized by the French crown and frequently poured at the court of Versailles. In the 15th century, upon the death of Charles Le Téméraire, the last duke of Burgundy, this clos passed into the hands of the royal winemakers and therefore became Beaune Clos du Roi - the plot of the king.

Aged in 40% new oak for 15 months. Deep, brooding, rich and powerful. This is a stunning wine that shows both seduction and power, a real fist in a velvet glove. The fruit is opulent, bordering on luxurious and there is a very impressive streak of mineral freshness that provides a perfect balance. The tannins are plush and the finish both intense and long.



Drink 2028+

CORTON

Corton Grand Cru 'Les Combes', Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl) £475.00 per case IB

Domaine Tollot-Beaut own exactly half (0.75 hectares) of this 1.5 hectare Grand Cru which sits on deep, red iron rich soils.

Fermented and aged in 50% new oak barrels, this wine exudes both power and elegance with a weighty structure that is seamless on the palate.

Aromatically, it opens with intense, layered notes of ripe berries and dark fruits, including juicy plums and blackcurrants intertwined with subtle floral notes of violet.

The palate is voluptuous and layered with velvety red fruits and a vibrant core framed by spicy cloves, black pepper and a mineral undercurrent. The tannins are chewy yet refined, giving shape and drive to the wine and the balanced acidity keeps the finish fresh and lingering. There is a plush, almost liqueur like fruit quality that marries beautifully with oak nuances of vanilla and sweet spice.

This Corton combines strength with refined elegance, offering a wine that is enjoyable in its youth yet possesses the structure and character to develop beautifully over many years in the cellar.



Drink 2029+



ALOXE-CORTON

A small village that is the gateway to the Beaune region as you head south from Nuits-Saint-Georges, Aloxe-Corton consists of just 120 hectares of vine, mostly Pinot Noir but also including 8ha of white Chardonnay.

The appellation of Aloxe-Corton includes 14 Premier Crus (the separate commune of Corton contains the Grand Cru's), sandwiched between Pernand-Verglesses and Ladoix, all curved around the mighty hill of Corton itself. The vines of Aloxe face south and east, the better vineyards protected by the mighty limestone bluffs of Corton.

The wines of Aloxe-Corton can sometimes be hard to define, the commune being split into 2 personalities, both of which derive their flavour profile from a combination of location, soil and aspect. To the north, the wines are fleshy, succulent and rounded, to the south the wines are sturdier in nature with a freshness and intensity that ages well.

SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE

Sandwiched between Corton and the town of Beaune, lies the pretty agricultural village of Savigny. Poised on fairly exposed flat land, north-east of Beaune, and encompassing around 500 hectares, of which 140 hectares are Premier Cru, situated on the north and southern side of the little river Rhoin.

Savigny-lès-Beaune reds are typically softer and more approachable in style. Premier Cru vineyards on the southern side of the Rhoin, with higher proportions of clay, sandstone and marl, produce wines with greater depth and structure. In contrast, vineyards to the north are dominated by oolitic limestone, marl and iron-rich soils, giving rise to lighter, more delicate and gently textured wines.

As with much of Burgundy, the grower plays a defining role, with the best producers vinifying individual parcels separately to preserve the distinct character of each climat and slope.



ALOXE-CORTON

Aloxe-Corton, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)

£225.00 per case IB

Produced from four parcels totalling 2 hectares on the southern and western slopes of Corton Hill, this wine has tremendous richness and concentration, drawn from its privileged position.

Aged in 1/3 new oak barrels, the wine opens with generous aromas of mulled cherry and raspberry, layered with darker notes of crème de mûre dusted with spice, cocoa and a lovely fresh vibrancy from the integrated acidity. The texture is supple yet built on a firm backbone. An utterly charming wine with a fine propensity to age gracefully over time.



Drink 2027+

SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE

Savigny-lès-Beaune, La Reine Joly, Domaine Camus-Bruchon (6x75cl) £120.00 per case IB

Named after Guillaume's Great, Great Grandmother, this wine is comes from 3 parcels – Dessus Les Vermots, Les Goudelettes and Clos des Pointes. Hand harvested fruit is fully destemmed, then fermented and aged in one year-old 228 and 500 litre barrels.

The nose is fresh and fragrant, bursting with ripe blackberry, cassis, juicy raspberry and subtle hedgerow notes. The palate is succulent and vibrant led by raspberry coulis and pure red and black fruit with smooth yet chewy tannins and a lively freshness carrying through to an energetic and balanced finish.

Savigny is a great source of value in Burgundy !



Drink 2026+

Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Les Lavières Domaine Camus-Bruchon (6x75cl) £165.00 per case IB

One of Savigny's finest Premier Cru sites, Guillaume farms a 0.3 hectare parcel in Les Lavières. Its deep alluvial soils, dense clay with a chalk limestone subsoil and south-east exposure produce wines of precision and balance. The vines were planted in 1961.

Aged in a combination of 228 litre barrels and 500 litre foudres, this wine is seductive yet restrained. Bright cherry and strawberry lead the nose and palate, with a pure, crunchy red fruit profile. Fresh and energetic, the terroir shines through framed by supple tannins and an explosive, salivating finish.



Drink 2027+

Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru Les Narbantons Domaine Camus-Bruchon (6x75cl) £175.00 per case IB

Guillaume owns 0.5 hectares of this fine lieu-dit, with north-east exposure and deep clay soils with excellent water retention. In vintages like 2024, the early morning sun plays a crucial role, allowing the vineyard to perform exceptionally well whilst preserving freshness and balance.

Aged in 25% new oak barrels, half of which are 228 litre and the other half 500 litre demi-muids, the nose is expressive, bursting with fresh, ripe blackberry fruit. The palate is powerful yet precise with great concentration and an explosive core of fresh dark fruit. Finely grained tannins are beautifully integrated, supporting notes of cedar and subtle spice. The finish is long, sweet and persistent.



Drink 2027+

Savigny-Champ-Chevrey 1er Cru, Domaine Tollot-Beaut (6x75cl)
ALSO AVAILABLE IN MAGNUMS (3x150cl)

£210.00 per case IB

£228.00 per case IB

This 1 hectare monopole, exclusive to Domaine Tollot-Beaut, was planted in 1954. Located directly beneath Les Lavières, the site enjoys great sun exposure whilst its clay rich soils produce wines marked by ripe red and black cherry and notes of liquorice and espresso.

Aged in 30% new oak, this is richly textured and a favourite amongst true Burgundy fans, This Pinot is big and structured, showing exotic lush red and black fruit, menthol, liquorice, chocolate, ginger and vanilla. Ripe tannins are balanced by fresh acidity and an almost earthy sweetness on the finish.



Drink 2027+

CHOREY-LES-BEAUNE

This commune lies to the right, directly over the main road that cuts between Savigny and Chorey as it heads north from Beaune. Comprising around 270 hectares under vine, it is smaller than Savigny and has no Premier Cru, yet it has a wonderful charm and vibrancy that appeals to many Burgundy lovers. It is also a source of excellent value.

On the northern edge of the commune, towards Corton, the soil is more alluvial and has broken, well-draining limestone with thinner soils of marl, sand and a dominance of gravel. The finest wines are produced on these warmer, well drained slopes which gives Pinot Noirs of succulence, elegance and mineral-edged intensity. To the south, the vineyards are planted on a denser, more water-retentive clay, which allows for more vigorous vine growth, a higher yield and whose vines sometimes are picked up to a week after the warmer vineyard sites. In Burgundy, a week can make all the difference.

POMMARD

Pommard sits just a few minutes' drive south of Beaune. Its steeper, well protected slopes are carved with numerous undulations, curves, clefts and dips, creating countless pockets of interest and challenge for the vigneron as the Pinot Noir reaches for warmth and sunlight on every aspect. Combined with a variety of soils, from limestone-rich marl to dense red clay, pebbles, sand and even ironstone, the possibilities for the grower are endless. Such is Burgundy encapsulated.

The appellation covers around 350 hectares under vine, of which approximately 120 hectares are Premier Cru. Most vineyards are shielded by the higher bluffs and forests atop the escarpment and are intersected by the minor Avany Dheune stream, a small stream but important as it has washed down prime alluvial soils over centuries, which add complexity to the wines.

Pommard is firm, full-bodied and broadly shouldered, requiring time to soften and develop those almost haunting notes of truffle, leather and red fruit characteristics.

CHOREY-LES-BEAUNE

**Chorey-lès-Beaune 'Les Beaumonts',
Domaine Machard de Gramont
(6x75cl) £98.00 per case IB**

A succulent and delicious style of Pinot Noir sourced from three plots around the village of Chorey itself, totalling 1.3 hectares. The vines, averaging 40 years of age, are planted on loam and clay soils with a high proportion of pebbles and fragmented limestone.

The fruit is hand-picked into small baskets, destemmed, crushed and fermented in tank before being transferred to barrel, of which 20% is new.

The bouquet is soft and fragrant with sweet berry aromas balanced by cranberry and raspberry freshness. On the palate, the wine is fresh and juicy with crunchy red and black fruit and a rounded, concentrated mid-palate. Fine tannins and good acidity give a feminine character, complemented by a touch of spice and subtle sweet vanilla oak.



Drink 2026+

**Chorey-lès-Beaune, Domaine Tollot-Beaut
(6x75cl) £144.00 per case IB
(6x150cl) £159.00 per case IB**

The flagship wine of this leading domaine is instantly recognizable in character. It is sourced from 12 distinct vineyard parcels, averaging 50 year old vines, spread across 6 hectares of clay and stony soils on both the northern and southern sides of the village. Each parcel is vinified and matured individually before the final blend is assembled after barrel tasting. The wine is aged for 15 months, with 25% new oak contributing depth and structure.

The bouquet yields a beautiful, fragrant raspberry freshness. The palate is rich and fruity with mulled black and red forest fruits, a touch of spice and succulent tannins. This wine is full of energy and tension leading to a long and explosive finish.



Drink 2027+

POMMARD

**Pommard, Domaine Joseph Voillot
(6x75cl) £192.00 per case IB**

This powerful red comes from 4 separate plots (Cras, Poisots, Saussilles and Vaumuriens) totalling 1.225 hectares, with the oldest vines planted in 1936. Situated on a gentle slope of red soil and clay bordering the Premier Cru of Clos Blanc, these vineyards produce big, opulent wines. All grapes are hand-picked, sorted and destemmed before fermentation in tank and barrel, 20% of which is new. The nose is deep, profound and expressive whilst the palate is rich, structured and brooding revealing layers of mulled black and red fruits and earthy notes. Firm, robust tannins give the wine structure, balanced by ripe, sweet fruit. The finish is long, powerful and almost flinty, with subtle oak sweetness adding weight. This is a wine built for age.



Drink 2026+

**Pommard 1er Cru Epenots, Domaine Joseph Voillot
(6x75cl) £475.00 per case IB**

A very small plot, just 0.18 hectare in size with an average age of vines of 61 years, situated to the right as you enter Pommard from Beaune, lying on vineyards that slope gently up from the road on the right as you leave Beaune and adjoining Beaune 1er Cru. No new oak used for this vintage.

The wine is deep in colour, with a ripe and expressive nose. On the palate, it is rich and explosive, smoky and dense yet balanced at every level. Layers of boiled red fruits mingle with brooding tannins and integrated sweet oak conveying remarkable power, depth and concentration. A bright, lifting freshness keeps the wine poised whilst the long and lingering finish confirms its exceptional harmony and precision.



Drink 2027+



VOLNAY

Less than a mile south of Pommard and situated high up on the vine covered slopes of the Chaignot hill, lies the pretty hamlet of Volnay, a name evocative of red Burgundy. Its 230 hectares under vine consist of a very high number of Premier Crus – almost half the commune is dedicated to this finer classification.

The topography of Volnay gives it a uniqueness and difference from its near neighbour. The slopes are steeper and generally face south-east, rather than east, as the majority of Pommard's vines do. This sunnier aspect gives much needed richness and a sweeter character generally compared to Pommard, and the tannins are more finely laced, if no less impressive in youth. The soils differ widely here too, with Oolitic limestone at the top of the slope, travelling down through swathes of schist and marl toward thicker beds of scraped white Argovian limestone, and then into clay and gravel. The mesoclimates all favour separation, hence the dominance of Premier Crus all carved into the hillsides, and often identified by the enclosure within small rambling stone walls.



Etienne Chaix

**Volnay Vieilles Vignes,
Domaine Joseph Voillot
(6x75cl) £180.00 per case IB**

Etienne produces this wine by blending six separate plots of older vines, averaging 60 years of age with the oldest planted in 1934.

In 2024, production was particularly low, with just 14 barrels made compared to the usual 30. The nose is aromatic and perfumed, with stewed, mulled black fruits accented by raspberry and herbal notes. The palate is rich, powerful and ripe with intense red fruit, subtle spice and fine, integrated tannins. The finish is long, elegant and refined, leaving a lingering impression.



Drink 2026+

**Volnay 1er Cru Fremiets,
Domaine Joseph Voillot
(6x75cl) £324.00 per case IB**

This 1er Cru of just 0.6 hectares is situated to the eastern extremities of the appellation adjacent to Pommard, on a chalk and powdery limestone subsoil. Produced from vines averaging 72 years old, planted between 1932 and 1978 picked by hand and fermented in tank, before maturing in 25% new oak for 12 months.

The wine is lush and delicate with a captivating nose of stewed black and red fruits, spice and oak. On the palate it is rich and opulent with notes of crème de mûre and blackberry layered over a core of tight, structured tannins. Intense and concentrated, it combines an impressive structure with a succulent texture, chalky, refined tannins and an elegant, feminine allure. The weighty, poised finish suggests a wine that will age beautifully.



Drink 2027+

**Volnay, Domaine Lafarge
(6x75cl) £360.00 per case IB**

The vines are grown across ten separate plots totalling 2.5 hectares, adjacent to the Premier Crus of Champans, Fremiets and Clos des Ducs, on thin topsoil over heavy, rocky limestone. Excellent south-west and south-south-east exposures aid ripening.

With no new oak used, this wine is a pure expression of both Pinot Noir and the Volnay appellation. The nose is vibrant and seductive, showing fresh, juicy red fruits. On the palate, concentrated yet crunchy red fruit is complemented by supple tannins and a fine streak of minerality that carries through to a long, elegant finish.



Drink 2027+

**Volnay 1er Cru Champans,
Domaine Joseph Voillot
(6x75cl) £324.00 per case IB**

This is always a more brooding and powerful Volnay, reflecting the muscularity of the heavy clay and limestone soils across this 1.07hectare holding, planted between 1934 and 1985.

Yields in 2024 were almost halved compared to 2023 with the 70 year old vines on cooler clay particularly affected by cold weather, poor flowering and early July mildew. Despite these challenges the result is outstanding.

Dense and concentrated black fruits with streaks of raspberry ripple, supple tannins and a silky quality to the fruit and mouthfeel. This is a sumptuous and weighty Volnay, its sheer weight of ripe fruits balanced by a precise freshness and dusty, earthy tannins and a long, fragrant and elegant finish.



Drink 2027+



MONTHÉLIE

Monthélie is situated between the villages of Meursault and Volnay. The Burgundian author Pierre Poupon describes, “Prettily nestled into the curve of the hillside like the head of Saint John against the shoulder of Jesus, Monthélie resembles a village of Tuscany”.

Granted its AOC in 1937, the vineyards of Monthélie face south and south-east and lie on pebbly Bathonian limestone with an overlay of red clay and marl at an altitude of 230-370m. The red wines are renowned not only for their value but for their velvety texture and crunchy freshness.

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

The village of Chassagne Montrachet lies 1.5km south of Puligny-Montrachet. It consists of around 300ha of vines, split 65/35 Chardonnay to Pinot Noir, with around 120ha of Premier Cru vineyards (mainly, but not always for white wines), as well as part of both le Montrachet and Batard Grand Cru's. However, whereas the village of Puligny-Montrachet sits amongst Bourgogne vines, with the better names on the outskirts, the village of Chassagne-Montrachet is slap-bang in AOC Chassagne vineyards itself.

Geologically, Chassagne is similar to Puligny-Montrachet. They share a common geographical fault line that slices between them, where the Grand Crus sit atop this minor scarp fault, and the soils are similar – brown limestone with the thinnest soils supporting the best wine of the Premier Cru and Grand Cru. Limestone is the bedrock of Chassagne-Montrachet, and names such as Caillerets and Combettes (Quarries) are signs of the importance of the local Nantoux limestone, that is a feature of the subsoil here.

To the south of the appellation, there is a higher concentration of limestone marl and red gravel soils and this where the Pinot Noir performs better. Whilst the red wines of Chassagne-Montrachet are less fashionable, they offer exceptional value, their structure reminiscent of the wines produced in the more illustrious red wine appellations of the Côte de Nuits.

MONTHELIE

Monthélie, Domaine Prunier-Bonheur (6x75cl)

£132.00 per case IB

This is a great domaine for the lesser known appellations and for wines that give incredible value – no more so than this terrific wine!

Produced from 45 year old vines planted on clay limestone soils and facing due west, with a breathtaking view of the Auxey-Duresses valley, this is a stylish wine, tight and firm with crunchy red fruits and a dash of hedgerow freshness. The tannins are soft and finely tuned and provide a great balancing weight.



Drink 2027+

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

Chassagne-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes Domaine Guy Amiot Et Fils (6x75cl)

£150.00 per case IB

Harvested from 2 hectares of vines from 12 different parcels, whose exposure varies from north-east to south-west, planted with vines that are between 55-75 years of age. 100% destemmed after hand picking, fermented in epoxy tank before finishing ferment in 30% new oak barrels.

The bouquet is vibrant with aromas of strawberry coulis and red berry notes. On the palate the wine is soft and silky with smooth tannins, hints of menthol and layers of strawberry, raspberry and spice. A streak of freshness carries through, giving the wine lift, balance and elegance. Delicious!



Drink 2027+



MARANGES

First granted its AOC in 1988, and sharing a smattering of Premier Cru vineyards with its neighbour, Santenay, this well positioned red commune has grown in stature, its reputation arguably higher than its humble 185 hectares predisposes. Within the commune of 3 villages lie around 25 Premier Crus, extending to around 80 hectares in total.

The most southerly of Côte de Beaune appellations, the soils are geologically similar to Santenay with a major difference, as they tend to have more marl and broken limestone contained within their red and grey covering soils. The vineyards tend to be a little lower and face more westerly than Santenay, a factor that gives the reds of Maranges a touch more freshness and elegance.

CHALONNAISE

The climate of this mid to southern region is less sheltered and more affected by prevailing westerly winds on the typically higher situated vineyards. Around 200-350m above sea level is the norm, whereas the finest Côte d'Or vineyards are sited at around 180-240m, with low undulating hills and less fertile, more stony soil giving leaner wines, whose vines struggle to get the required warmth and sunlight to fully ripen.

Vineyard site is crucial here, as is the dominance of heat retaining, well-draining limestone soils. The Chalonnaise is part of the continuous fault line that forms the ridge that runs like a spine down the whole Côte d'Or, wedged between the Saone, where soils washed and scraped by centuries of time have deposited in thick layers on the valley floor, rub against the thinner, scraped Jurassic limestone and Permian soils of the Horst de Mont St Vincent and Blanzly Rift.

The region benefits from a slightly warmer climate, which can enhance ripening. The Côte Chalonnaise produces excellent everyday drinking Pinot Noir, offering exceptional value for money and a chance to explore the character of southern Burgundy without the premium of the Côte de Beaune or Côte de Nuits.

MARANGES

Maranges 1er Cru Clos de la Boutière, Domaine Bachelet-Monnot (6x75cl) £144.00 per case IB

A single 1.5 hectare parcel of old vines, with the oldest now 90 years of age, produces this superlative wine. The yield in 2024 was only 22hl/ha which explains the intense fruit concentration. Aged in 25% new oak, the bouquet is fresh with wild hedgerow aromas giving an added dimension to the rich notes of jam that scream from the glass.

The palate is tightly constructed with crunchy black fresh fruits and subtle raspberry notes adding extra freshness. The tannins are soft and seamless and there is a lovely equilibrium to this wine that continues long on the finish



Drink 2027+

CHALONNAISE

Bourgogne Côtes Chalonnaise Pinot Noir, Buissonnier, £46.00 per case IB
Cave de Buxy (6x75cl)

Sourced from 40 year old vines across the Chalonnaise region, the grapes were 100% destemmed after harvest. 25% is aged in both foudres and barrels, with a use of 1-5 year old French oak barrels. The remaining 75% is fermented in stainless steel tank.

Ripe and luscious, this red Burgundy offers succulent notes of raspberry and blackberry, complemented by a subtle touch of spice. A bright acidity gives it a refreshing lift, leading to a long, satisfying finish. An excellent choice for everyday drinking.



Drink 2026+



MÂCONNAIS

This large southern appellation of Burgundy, covering around 17000 acres, bridges the 30km gap between the Côte Chalonnaise in the North and Beaujolais in the south. As a warmer region, it marks the transition from northern French climate towards a more Mediterranean influence.

The countryside is predominantly agricultural with grain, orchards and cattle farming alongside blocks of vineyards. The rolling hills and valleys are reminiscent of the Cotswolds or Berkshire. Spring frosts remain a hazard, though the naturally warmer temperatures help vines ripen fully, producing whites with a softer mouthfeel and reds with riper, sweeter fruit.

BEAUJOLAIS

Situated in the northern Beaujolais region, between Chénas to the north and the famous Fleurie to the south, Moulin-à-Vent has long been described as the most Burgundian of the Beaujolais crus.

The vineyards sit on slopes of granite, schist and marl at around 200 metres, planted to maximise exposure to the sun, ripening the thick-skinned Gamay grapes. The finest sites are on prime south-east facing slopes of well-drained soils over limestone, protected to the west by the Mont de Beaujolais hills.

The style of a great Moulin à Vent is a dark colour, rich fruity nose and a dense, well rounded structure. Balanced acidity and freshness are hallmarks, while the best growers produce wines with firm tannins and the structure to age gracefully for 10–15 years.

MÂCONNAIS

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Merlin (6x75cl)

£75.00 per case IB

Theo Merlin layers destemmed and whole bunches in the fermentation vats and uses no hand pressing, just very gentle pump overs to extract supple tannins and the richest fruit he can, with the wine seeing 15 days maceration on skins before 1 year in large oak barrels.

Produced from a low yield of just 32 hl/ha, this wine bursts with wild strawberry aromas showing elegance and charm in abundance. Succulent red fruits, pure strawberry notes and a touch of spice are lifted by a bright acidity, leading to a long, velvety finish. A beautiful fruit filled Burgundy oozing finesse.



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BEAUJOLAIS

Moulin à Vent 'La Rochelle', Domaine Merlin (6x75cl)

£111.00 per case IB

This exceptional Beaujolais cru hails from a singular site on top of the Moulin hill, planted on a rare mix of granite, sand and stone, a combination Olivier describes as truly one-of-a-kind. La Rochelle ranks amongst the finest terroirs of Moulin-à-Vent, with most of the vineyard established in 1937 and a small section dating back to 1955.

Aromas of fresh hedgerow, pepper and delicate florals lead to a wine that is noble, tight, intense and chewy. A perfect expression of cool climate Gamay.



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